

## OH LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by  
Yet in they dark streets shineth, the everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of  
wondering love

Oh morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth.  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on  
earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters  
in.

Oh holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us, our lord Emanuel.

