

# O little town of Bethlehem



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How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.  
For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O 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.  
Where children pure and happy  
Pray to the blessed Child  
Where misery cries out to thee  
Son of the mother mild  
Where charity stands watching  
And faith holds wide the door  
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks  
And Christmas comes once more.  
O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us to-day  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel!