

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

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O little town of Bethlehem  
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 the fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

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

O 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 Emmanuel

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Are met in thee tonight