

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

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:
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask you to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, i pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

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Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing

Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of his love.

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Did you know this little one set the stars and lit
the sun?
Did you know this child you hold is the Lord
from ages old?
Mary can you see the light
Shining in the dark of night?

*Sing out in praise
The joy of all the earth
Sing out in praise
The joy of all the earth
Sing out in praise
The joy of all the earth has come.*

Can you hear the angels' song "Glory, glory to
our God!"
Shepherds put away your fear, Christ the Lord,
your saviour's here!
Leave your flock and go and find
He the king of all mankind

Faithful saints now pass at peace, for your eyes
have finally seen
What was promised is fulfilled, deaf can hear and
lame are healed
We have seen his outstretched arm
Saving us from every harm

Ending
The joy of all the earth has come,
The joy of all the earth has come.

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