

## 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 thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

Oh morning stars together,  
Proclaim thy 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 -  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

