

O LITTLE TOWN

Bishop Phillips Brooks

(CHRISTMAS EVE!)

English traditional

In moderate time

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1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The
2. O morn - ing stars, to - ge - ther Pro -
And prai - ses sing to God the King, And

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still we see thee lie!
si - lent stars go by. (1.) Yet in thy dark streets
claim the ho - ly birth. (2.) For Christ is born of
peace to men on earth:

shi - - - neth The ev - er - last - ing light; The
Ma - - - ry; And, gath - ered all - a - bove, While

hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
mor - tals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond - ring 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.

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 Bethlehem, du kleine Stadt

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1. O Beth - le - hem, du klei - ne Stadt, wie
du schläfst, und gold ne Ster - ne - lein ziehn
2. Des Her - ren hei - li - ge Ge - burt ver -
ein e - wger Frie - de sei be schert den

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stil - le liegst du hier,
lei - se ü - ber dir. (1.) Doch in den dunk - len
kün - det hell der Stern, (2.) denn Chri - stus ist ge
Men - schen nah und fern;

Ga - - sen das ew - ge Licht heut scheint für
bo - - ren, und En - gel hal - ten Wacht, die -

al - le, die da trau - rig sind und die zu - vor ge - weint.
weil die Men - schen schla - - fen die gan - ze dun - kle Nacht.

3.

O heilig Kind von Bethlehem, | in unsre Herzen komm,
wirf alle unsre Sünden fort | und mach uns frei und fromm!
Die Weihnachtsengel singen | die frohe Botschaft hell:
Komm auch zu uns und bleib bei uns | o Herr Immanuel.