

138 O LITTLE TOWN (CHRISTMAS EVE: CHRISTMAS)

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English traditional
(R.V.W.)

In moderate time

SOPRANO
ALTO

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 prais - es sing to — God — the — King, And

TENOR
BASS

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 — ang - els - keep Their watch of — wond - 'ring love.

3 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.

4 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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O Beth - le - hem, du klei - ne Stadt, wie
du schläfst, und gold - ne Ster - ne - lein ziehn

TENOR
BASS

stil - le liegst du hier,
lei - se ü - ber dir. Doch in den dunk - len

Gas - sen das ew - ge Licht heut scheint für

al - le, die da trau - rig sind und die zu vor ge - weint.

2 Des Herren heilige Geburt / verkündet hell der Stern, / ein ewger Friede sei beschert / den Menschen nah und fern; / denn Christus ist geboren, / und Engel halten Wacht, / dieweil die Menschen schlafen / die ganze dunkle 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.