



O Little Town of Bethlehem

Chorale/White Gospel "St. Louis" for Unaccompanied Mixed Community/Choir

Lewis Henry Redner, 1830 - 1908

Text: Phillips Brooks (1868)

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1. O litt - le town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - - - ry, And ga - thered all a - - - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The wond - rous gift is given!
 4. Where chil - dren pure and hap - - - py Pray to the ble - - - sed Child,
 5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! Des - cend to us, we pray;

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A - - - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - - - lent stars go by;
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of wond'r - - ing love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bles - sings of his heav'n.
 Where mi - se - ry cries out to thee, Son of the mo - - - ther mild;
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

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Yet in thy dark streets shin - - - eth The e - - - ver - last - ing light;
 O mor - ning stars, to - - - ge - - - ther Pro - claim the ho - - - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - - - ing, But in this world of sin,
 Where cha - - - ri - - - ty stands watch - - - ing, And faith holds wide the door,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - - - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;

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The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prai - ses sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - - - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - - - ters in.
 The dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, And Christ - mas comes once more.
 O come to us, a - - - bide with us, Our Lord Em - - - ma - - - nu - ell