

O little town of Bethlehem

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(Christmas Carol). Henry Walford Davies.

Verse 2 is sometimes as printed in italics.

2. *For Christ is born of*

1. O lit - tle town of
2. O morn - ing stars to -
3. How si - lent - ly. how
4. Where chil - dren pure and

The first system of the score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line in G major, starting with a whole rest followed by a half note G, then a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The piano accompaniment is in G major, with the right hand playing a sequence of chords: G4, A4, B4, G4, and the left hand playing a bass line: G2, A2, B2, G2.

6 *Ma - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the*

Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie, a - bove thy deep and
geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and prais - es sing to
si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given; so God im - parts to
hap - py pray to the bless - ed child. Where mi - se - ry cries

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a melisma on 'Ma - ry' and continues with 'and ga - thered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line.

10 *an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars to -*

dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets
God the King, and peace to men on earth. For Christ is born of
hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven. No ear may hear his
out - to - thee, Son of the moth - er mild; Where cha - ri - ty stands

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line ends with 'an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars to -'. The piano accompaniment features a final chord in G major.

14 geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth, And prai - ses sing to
 shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light, the hopes and fears of
 Ma - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove, while mor - tals sleep, the
 com - ing, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will re -
 watch - ing and faith holds wide the door, the dark night wakes, the

18 God the King and peace to men on earth.
 all the years are met in thee to - night.
 an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.

24 5. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us we pray, cast

28 out our sin and en - ter in, be - born in us to - day. We

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hear the Christ - mas an - gels, the great glad ti - dings tell; O

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come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.