

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

for S.A.T.B. Voices, a cappella

Traditional

Arranged for The King's Singers by Grayston Ives

Verse 1: Full Choir

Soprano Alto

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we — see thee lie! A -

Tenor Bass

mp

- bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent — stars go by; yet

9 in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; the

cresc. *mf*

cresc. *mf*

13 hopes and fears of all the years are — met in — thee to - night.

*Keyboard may be used to support voices.

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Verse 2: Solo Baritone

Solo *mf*

2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered - all a - bove. While

S. *mf*
A. Oo—
T. *mf*
B.

21

mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of — won - dering love. O

25

morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and

Ah—

29

prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

Verse 3: Solo Quartet (unaccompanied)

p espr.

3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous - gift is given! So

p espr.

37

God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings — of his heaven. No

41

ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, Where

cresc. *mf*

cresc. *mf*

45

meek souls will re - ceive him, still the — dear Christ - en - ters in.

Verse 4: Full Choir (with descant*)

Descant

mp warmly

4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast

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53

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

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

57

f Christ - mas — an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O

f hear the Christ - mas an - gels the — great glad tid - ings tell; O

61

rit. ff come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

ff come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

ff

*The descant is optional, but when used may be performed in two ways: i) with Full Choir in harmony; ii) with Full Choir singing the hymn melody in unison, with keyboard providing harmony.