

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

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for SATB Chorus and Piano

Duration: 4:00

Lewis Redner, 1868

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Arranged by Michael Pratt, ASCAP

Moderato con moto ♩ = 96

*mp*

Soprano  
O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee

Alto  
O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee

Tenor  
O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee

Bass  
O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee

Piano  
*mf* for rehearsal only

7

S  
lie; a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep, the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets

A  
lie; a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep, the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets

T  
lie; a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep, the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets

B  
lie; a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep, the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets

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13

S  
shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to -

A  
shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to -

T  
shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to -

B  
shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to -

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19

S  
night. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - ther'd all a - bove, while

A  
night. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - ther'd all a - bove, while

T  
night. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - ther'd all a - bove, while

B  
night. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - ther'd all a - bove, while

Pno.

play *mf* *mp*

26

S mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly

A mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly

T mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly

B mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly

Pno.

33

S birth and prai - ses sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.

A birth and prai - ses sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.

T birth and prai - ses sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.

B birth and prai - ses sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.

Pno.

*mf* *mp*

40

S

A

T *mp*

B *mp*

Pno.

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

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

45

S

A

T *mp*

B *mp*

Pno.

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

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

50

S

A

T  
8  
com - ing, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the

B  
com - ing, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the

Pno.

55

S  
*mp*  
Where child - ren pure and

A  
*mp*  
Where child - ren pure and

T  
8  
dear Christ en - ters in. oo

B  
*mp*  
dear Christ en - ters in. oo

Pno.  
*mf* *mp*

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60

S hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child, where mis - e - ry cries out to thee, son

A hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child, where mis - e - ry cries out to thee, son

T oo

B oo

Pno.

65

S of the mo - ther mild; where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door, the

A of the mo - ther mild; where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door, the

T oo

B oo

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71

S dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ-mas comes once more.

A dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ-mas comes once more.

T oo ———

B oo ———

Pno. *mf* *f*

77

S *f* O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us we pray; cast out our sin and

A *f* O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us we pray; cast out our sin and

T *f* O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us we pray; cast out our sin and

B *f* O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us we pray; cast out our sin and

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### About Michael Pratt

**Michael Pratt** studied composition with Pulitzer Prize winning composers Ross Lee Finney and Leslie Bassett at The University of Michigan. He has taught music in the public schools for many years in Michigan. He has sung with The Toledo Choral Society, Toledo Symphony Chorale, Opera!Lenawee, and The University Musical Society Choral Union of The University of Michigan with whom he has performed with The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The San Francisco Symphony, The Russian National Orchestra, The Ann Arbor Symphony, The Lansing Symphony, The Grand Rapids Symphony, The Toledo Symphony, The Birmingham, Symphony, The Gabrieli Consort, and The Tallis Scholars. He has played tuba with The Toledo Symphony, Toledo Concert Band, Toledo Opera, University of Toledo Faculty Brass Quintet, Adrian Chamber Brass, Adrian College Faculty Brass Quintet, and since 1981 with the Adrian Symphony Orchestra.

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S en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings

A en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings

T en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings

B en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings

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89

S tell; o come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el! our Lord Em - man - u - el!

A tell; o come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el! our Lord Em - man - u - el!

T tell; o come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el! our Lord Em - man - u - el!

B tell; o come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el! our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Pno.

*Meno Mosso*  
*ff*

## About O Little Town of Bethlehem

On Christmas eve in 1867, Phillips Brooks, Rector of Trinity Church in Boston, Massachusetts, recalled his trip to the Holy Land three years earlier and wrote the words to O Little Town of Bethlehem. He gave the poem to the church organist, Lewis Redner who wrote the music for the Sunday School Children's Choir. The new Christmas Carol was sung the next day.