

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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SATB and Keyboard

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With hushed excitement ♩ = ca. 132-138

TB *mp*

O lit - tle town of

p

This system contains the first five measures of the piece. It features a Tenor Bass (TB) line and a keyboard accompaniment. The TB line begins with a rest for five measures, then enters with the lyrics 'O lit - tle town of'. The keyboard accompaniment starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and provides a steady accompaniment.

6

Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and

simile

This system contains measures 6 through 9. The TB line continues with the lyrics 'Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and'. The keyboard accompaniment continues with a *simile* dynamic, following the melodic line of the TB part.

10

dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy streets—

This system contains measures 10 through 13. The TB line continues with the lyrics 'dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy streets—'. The keyboard accompaniment continues with the same melodic accompaniment.

Duration: 2:30

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14 *mf*

shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are

mf

19 *mp*

met in thee to - night.

mp

23 SA *mp*

For Christ is born of

mp

27 *mf*

Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove, while mor - tals sleep, the

mf

31 SA *mp*

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

TB

35 *mf*

geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and prais - es sing to

39

God the King, and peace to all on

43 *mp* ** p*

earth! How

mp *cresc.* *mf*

47

si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the

p

51

won - drous gift is giv'n; so

*Tune: ST. LOUIS, by Lewis H. Redner

55

mp

God im - parts to hu - man hearts the

mp

59

rit. poco a poco

bless - ings of his heav'n!

rit. poco a poco

63

pp

Slower

No ear may hear his com -

Slower ♩ = ca. 112

pp

68 *mp* *p*

ing, but in this world of sin, where

mp

73

meek souls will re - ceive him still the dear Christ

p

78 *accel.* **Tempo I** *mf*

en - ters in. O

accel. **Tempo I** *mf*

accel. *mp*

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 132-138

83

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

mf *simile*

87

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

91

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