

# O Little Town of Bethlehem (Traditional)

*This version is arranged for the traditional tunes of Forest Green (UK version) and Bethlehem (American version).*

*See O Little Town of Bethlehem (Ambrose) for lyrics arranged for the Paul Ambrose tune*

**Men:** O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

**Bethlehem (American) tune**

The silent stars go by;  
**Women:** Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

**Men:** For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.

**Forest Green (UK) tune**

**All:** O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth!

**Women:** How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.

**Bethlehem (American) tune**

**All:** No ear may hear his coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in.

<Piano 4 lines> **Forest Green (UK) tune**

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