

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS, alt.

♩ = 88 F B \flat F/C C F B \flat C

Red. \wedge Red. \wedge Red. \wedge simile

6 F B \flat C F B \flat F/C C

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

11 F F D G m F/C C F

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

16 D m A D m A F

in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; the hopes and fears of

Detailed description: This is a piano accompaniment score for the hymn 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'. The score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 88 beats per minute. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The music is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of chords in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand. The lyrics are written below the piano accompaniment. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'Red.' (ritardando) and 'simile'. The piece concludes with a final chord in the key of B-flat major.

21 $B\flat$ F/C C F $B\flat$ C

all the years are met in thee to - night.

25 F 1.2.3. $B\flat$ C Final $B\flat$ C F

2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
 And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
 No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.