

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

American Traditional
Arrangement: Ephrem Feeley

Reflectively

Organ *mp*

The organ introduction consists of six measures in a 6/8 time signature. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music is written for organ with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Verse 1: (Ladies)

6

O lit - tle town of

Org.

This section shows the organ accompaniment for the first line of the verse, starting at measure 6. The vocal line above has a rest for the first four measures, then begins with the lyrics "O lit - tle town of". The organ accompaniment consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with chords and moving lines.

11

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

Org.

This section shows the organ accompaniment for the second line of the verse, starting at measure 11. The vocal line above has the lyrics "Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the". The organ accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

16

si - lent stars go by: Yet in thy dark streets shi - neth the e - ver - las - ting

Org.

21

light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

Org.

26

Verse 2: (all)

For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and ga - thered all a -

Org.

32

bove, while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their song of won - d'ring love. O,

Org.

37

mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and prai - ses sing to

Org.

42

God the King and peace to all on earth.

Org.

Verse 3: (Choir)*

47

How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n! So

Org.

* A capella from bars 47 to 55, although the organ may double the parts if necessary.

52

God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his

Org.

57

co - ming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the

Org.

62

Verse 4: (all)

dear Christ en - ters in. O

Org.

67 Descant:

Des - cend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin, and

ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin, and

Org.

72

en - ter in: be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels

en - ter in: be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the

Org.

77

great glad ti - dings tell. A - bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu -

great glad ti - dings tell: O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu -

Org.

82

el, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

el, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

82

Org.

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