

## **Dolly Parton**

# **"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"**

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O little town of bethlehem,  
How still we see the lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

For christ is born of mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the king,  
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy  
Pray to the blessed child,  
Where misery cries out to thee,  
Son of the mother mild;  
Where charity stands watching  
And faith holds wide the door,  
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,  
And christmas comes once more.

O holy child of bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us to-day.  
We hear the christmas angels

The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our lord emmanuel!

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