

3) O Little Town of Bethlehem

[NOTE: The underlined syllables are unexpectedly held for two notes of the melody.]

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee 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 tonight.

For Christ is born of Ma--ry; 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 all on earth.

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.

Where children pure and hap--py 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 today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us. Abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

4) Tu Scendi dalle Stelle [NOTE: “~” signifies syllables that are elided when sung.]

*Tu scendi dalle stelle o Redel Cielo
e vieni~in una grotta al freddo~e~al gelo
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O Bambino mio Divino io ti vedo tutto~a tremar
O Dio beato, oh! quanto ti costo l'avermi~amato
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5) Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

And lo, when they had heard it, they all bowed down and prayed;
They traveled on together to where the babe was laid.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that bless-ed Christmas morn.