



A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and authority will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Child 1: R stands for the Root of Jesse.

Speaker 1: In the Old Testament, Prophets foretold the birth of Jesus. The prophet Isaiah wrote that out of the root of Jesse, a branch would grow. This branch would rule the nations and bring light to a darkened world.

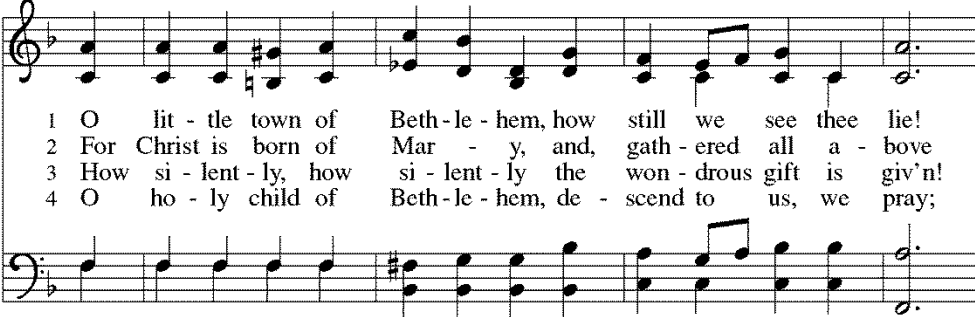
Child 2: C stands for Caesar Augustus.

Speaker 2: In the Gospel of St. Luke, we are told there was a decree from Caesar Augustus that all people had to register for a tax. Each family was to register in the city of their family's origin. Joseph had to go to the city of David, which was Bethlehem. It was also prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

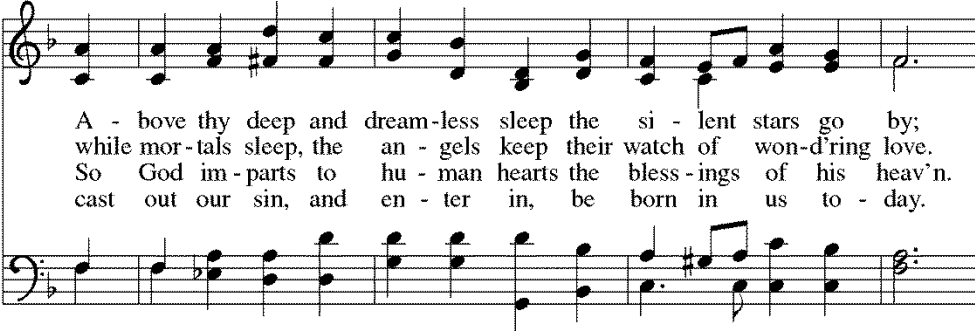
Child 3: T stands for Travelers.

Speaker 3: People from near and far traveled to Bethlehem. The roads were crowded with people walking or riding donkeys. Among them were Joseph and Mary. Mary's baby would be born very soon, and the trip was long and tiring.

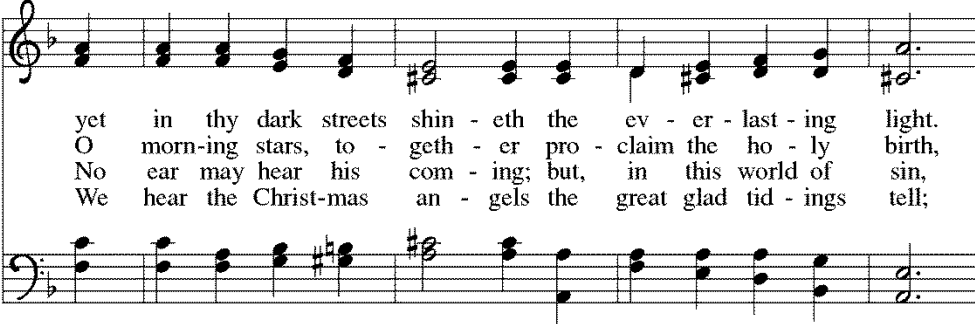
O Little Town of Bethlehem



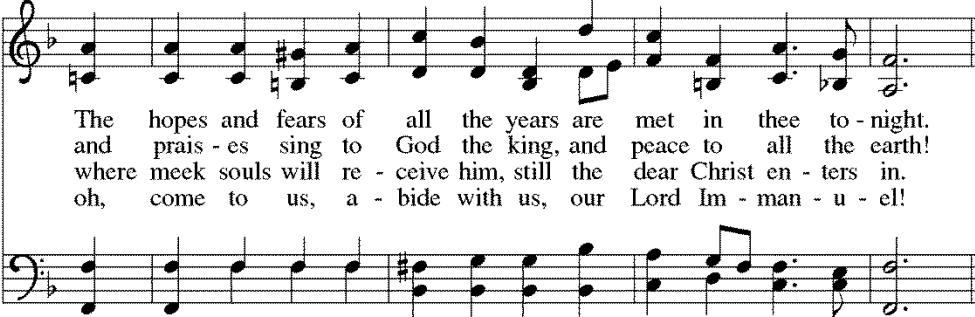
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night,
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Child 4: I stands for Innkeeper.

Speaker 4: When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, it was very crowded and they could not find a place to stay. An innkeeper, who had no room left in his inn, told Joseph that they could rest in the stable. In that humble place, Jesus was born. Only the animals were there to see this wonderful miracle.

Child 5: S stands for Shepherds.

Speaker 5: On the hills outside of Bethlehem, shepherds were watching their flocks of sheep. The shepherds spent most evenings outside, so they were familiar with the night sky. On this night, the shepherds knew that something unusual was happening. They saw a brightness in the sky over Bethlehem which they had never seen before.



The First Noel

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - erent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay,
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Child 6: A stands for Angels.

Speaker 6: As the shepherds were looking into the sky, an Angel appeared and told them that a Savior had been born in Bethlehem. They would find him lying in a manger. Suddenly, the sky was filled with angels singing praises to God.

Child 7: M stands for manger.

Speaker 7: The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the stable. There, they found Mary and Joseph and, laying in the manger, the newborn baby Jesus, wrapped in pieces of cloth.

Child 8: S stands for Savior.

Speaker 8: The shepherds told Mary and Joseph all that had happened to them on the hillside outside Bethlehem. They shared in wonder how the heavenly angels sang God's praises. Joseph remembered the angel who had appeared to him and told him that Mary would give birth to God's Son, the Savior of the world.

Child 9: H is for Holy night.

Speaker 9: And so it was that God touched the earth in the form of a tiny child, born of a virgin in a lowly stable on that holy night many years ago. This little baby would become the King of Kings and the Savior of the world, just as the prophets foretold.



Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

The Christmas Poem

C- The Christ in the manger lay,

H-In swaddling clothes upon the Hay.

R-There, our Redeemer came to earth,

I-An Infant born of lowly birth.

S-The Shepherds heard the angels sing,

T-And Traveled to the newborn King,

M-Where Mary and Joseph joined their praise.

A-Now, we our Alleluias raise.

S-A Savior given from heaven above,

All: God's Christmas gift of endless love.



Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

The End!!

Thanks to all who made the Children's Christmas Program a success.

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