

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (169~)

- Vs 1** 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.
- Vs 2** 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.
- Vs 3** 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.
- Vs 4** O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on 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.

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### **Away in a Manger** (176~)

- Vs 1** Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- Vs 2** The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.
- Vs 3** Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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### **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks** 180~

Vs 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around,  
And glory shone around.

Vs 2 "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind,  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.  
To you and all mankind."

Vs 3 "To you, in David's town this day is born, of David's line,  
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign,  
And this shall be the sign:

Vs 4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid,  
And in a manger laid."

Vs 5 "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace.  
Good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease,  
Begin and never cease!"

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### **Angels We Have Heard on High** (190~)

Vs 1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Vs 3 Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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**Silent Night! Holy Night!** (171~)

Vs 1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Vs 2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar.  
Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!"

Vs 3 Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King.  
Christ, the Savior is born; Christ, the Savior is born.

Vs 4 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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**Go Tell it on the Mountain** (181~)

Chorus

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

Vs 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold! Throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

**Repeat the chorus**

Vs 2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

**Repeat the chorus**

Vs 3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

**Repeat the chorus**

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## **Joy to the World** (173~)

**Vs 1** Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room.  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

**Vs 2** Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**Vs 3** No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

**Vs 4** He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

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**Today's text is Luke 2:1-20 NIV**