

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Latin: c. 9th century

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, Sts. 1, 2, all.


Tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954, Sts. 3, 4

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Adapted from Plainsong

Thomas Holmore, 1811-1890

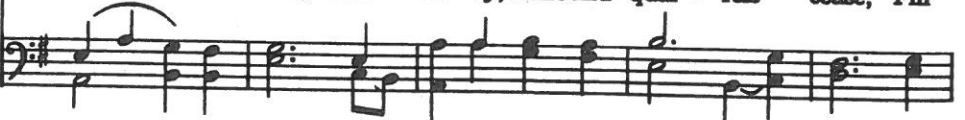
*In unison*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by thine  
3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,  
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -  
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And  
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And  
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; Fill



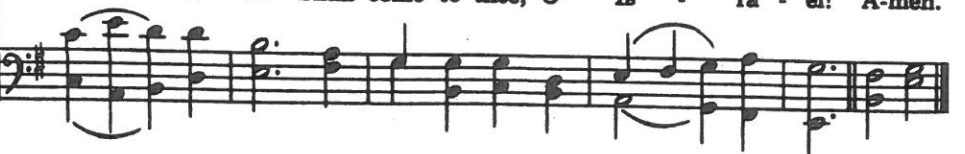
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til the Son of God ap - pear.  
death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
cause us in her ways to go.  
the whole world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.



## The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore

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Charles Coffin, 1736

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

John 1:6-8, 19-28; Mark 1:1-8;

Luke 3:2-6, 15-18; Matt. 3:1-6, 11-12

1 The Bap - tist shouts on Jor - dan's shore, the  
 2 The earth and sky and sea now feel that  
 3 Clean up your hearts, lay down the way, for  
 4 Through you, O Je - sus, you a - lone sal -

earth shakes with the might - y roar, A - wake, let laz - y  
 which their Au - thor will re - veal: The Child now leap - ing  
 God ap - proach - es day by day; Pre - pare for such a  
 va - tion, so - lace, strength are known; With - out your love we

sleep now flee: be - hold, the voice of proph - e - cy!  
 in the womb as God does hu - man form as - sume.  
 wor - thy heir, for such a guest your house pre - pare.  
 fade like grass, like wilt - ed flowers our lives will pass.

5 Your hands ex - tend, our pain em - brace,  
 lift up the pros - trate, show your face;  
 Though we in part your beau - ty know,  
 O blos - som forth, your splen - dor show.

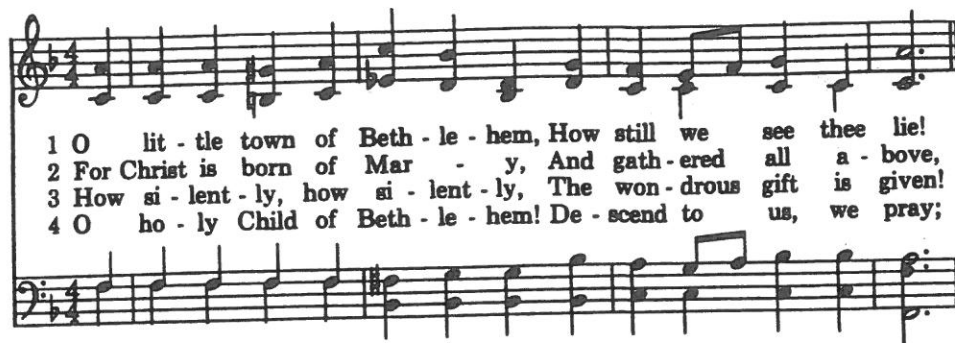
6 O One who comes to set us free,  
 O Child, to you our song will be,  
 With Fa - ther, Spir - it moth - er - ing,  
 to you shall praise for - ev - er ring!

Charles Coffin, distinguished scholar and Latin author, was rector of the University of Paris for a time. The hymn, appearing here in a new translation, is from a breviary ordered by the archbishop of Paris to replace ancient Latin hymns with newer ones.

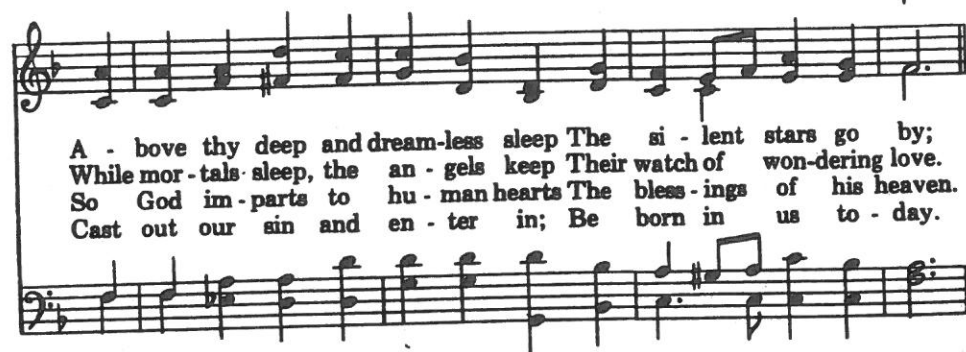
Tune: WINCHESTER NEW L.M.  
 Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

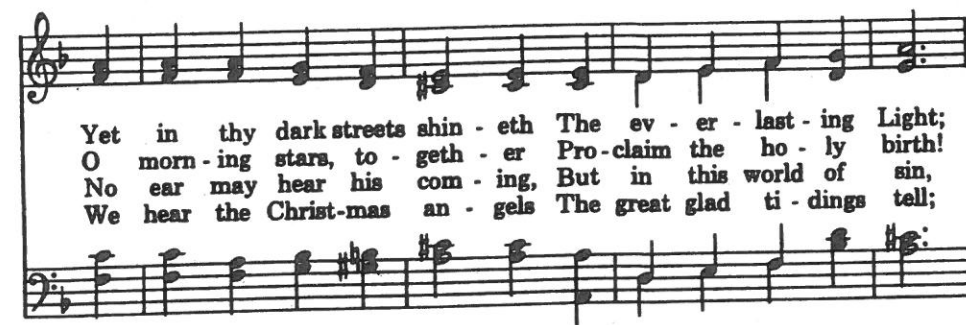
Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

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Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908


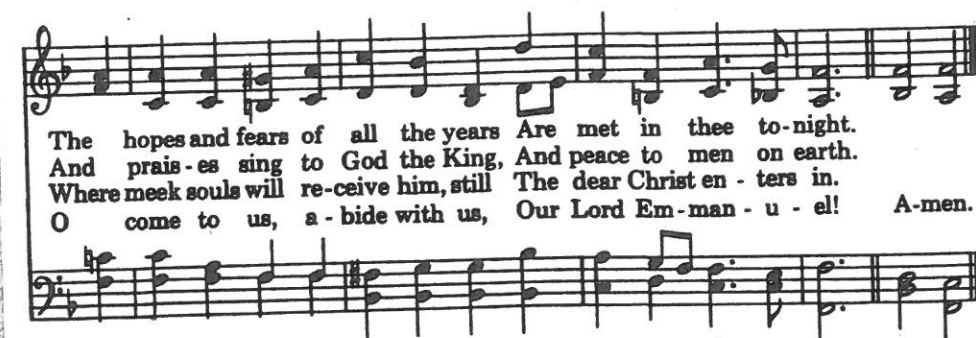
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



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 - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heaven.  
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 ti - dings 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 men on earth.  
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el! A - men.