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O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

LBW 41

Flute
Oboe
Strings
Harp
Children's Choir
Schola Cantorum
Organ

Prelude: Flute, Strings
Stanza 1: Schola, Organ
Stanza 2: Harp, Children, Organ
Stanza 3: Schola-SATB
Stanza 4: Flute, Oboe
Children, Schola
Organ
Postlude: Flute, Oboe
Strings
Andante non troppo

unison \( m_f \)

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 to-night.
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Children's Choir

Stanza 2

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 all on earth!
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Stanza 3

3. How silently, how silently the wonderful gift is given! So

God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No

can may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, Where

meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
Larghetto

4.0 holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we
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Stanza 4

pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us to-
day. We hear the Christmas—angels the great glad tidings
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tell; O come to us, abide with us, our LordEm- man- uel!
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Postlude

Piu mosso

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