

## LYRICS TO LIFT YOUR LIFE

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### 5h TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - m -

O little town of Bethlehem  
how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in your dark streets shining  
is everlasting light:  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in you tonight.

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.

O grieving town of Bethlehem,  
where raged the soldiers' sword  
as Herod's men obeyed him when  
he planned to kill our Lord.  
Yet, warned of pending danger,  
the baby boy escaped.  
The others died and mothers cried  
as Herod sealed their fate.

O troubled town of Bethlehem  
you still in conflict lie,  
as terrorist and army fist  
the cause of peace defy.  
Yet there is hope if you will  
the Prince of Peace receive,  
He came to bring an offering:  
of peace, if you'll believe.

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