

BETELEHEMU

for S.S.A. voices with percussion*

Yoruba Text

Nigerian Christmas Carol
Arranged by **ANDY BECK**

Slowly (♩ = ca. 69)
mp

ALTO

Be - te - le - he - mu. Be - te - le - he - mu.

SHEKERE

CONGAS

LARGE DRUM

3 SOPRANO II
mp

Be - te - le - he - mu. Be - te - le - he - mu.

ALTO

Be - te - le - he - mu. Be - te - le - he - mu.

mp

* Also available for 3-part mixed/S.A.B. (46581), T.T.B. (46583), and 2-part (46584).

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PRONUNCIATION/TRANSLATION:

Ah-wah yee-oh ree Bah-bah goh-zjoo-leh. = We rejoice, for we have a trustworthy Father.

Ah-wah yee-oh ree Bah-bah feh-heen-tee. = We rejoice, for we have a dependable Father.

Nee-boh lah-bee Yeh-soo? Nee-boh lah-bee bee-ee? = Where was Jesus born? Where was he born?

Beh-teh-leh-heh-moo, ee-loo ah-rah, = Bethlehem, city of wonder,

nee-beh lah-bee Bah-bah oh dah-zjoo. = that is where the Father was born for sure.

Ee-yeen, ee-yeen, ee-yeen nee foon oh. = Praise, praise, praise be to you.

Ah-doo-peh foon oh joh oh-nee, Bah-bah oh-loh oh-reh. = We thank thee for this day, gracious Father.

Ee-yeen foon oh Bah-bah ah-noo, Bah-bah toh dah-wah see. = Praise be to the merciful Father, the Father who created us.

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5 SOPRANO I *mp*

A - wa ——— yi - o ri Ba - ba gbo -

SOPRANO II

Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu.

ALTO

Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu.

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ju - le. A - wa ——— yi - o ri

Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu.

Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu. Be-te - le-he-mu.

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17 **Joyful and rhythmic** (♩. = ca. 69)

mf

A - wa yi - o ri Ba - ba gbo - ju - le.

mf

A - wa yi - o ri Ba - ba gbo - ju - le.

mf

A - wa yi - o ri Ba - ba gbo - ju - le.

Joyful and rhythmic (♩. = ca. 69)

mf

mf

mf

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A - wa yi - o ri Ba - ba fe - hin - ti.

A - wa yi - o ri Ba - ba fe - hin - ti.

A - wa yi - o ri Ba - ba fe - hin - ti.

21

f

Ni - bo l'a - bi Je - su? _____

f

Ni - bo l'a - bi Je - su, Je - su?

f

Ni - bo l'a - bi Je - su, Je - su?

23

mf

Ni - bo l'a - bi bi - i? _____

mf

Ni - bo l'a - bi bi - i, bi - i?

mf

Ni - bo l'a - bi bi - i, bi - i?

25

Be - te - le - he - mu, i - lu a - ra,

Be - te - le - he - mu,

Be - te - le - he - mu,

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Final time to CODA Φ
(p. 12, m. 55)

ni - be l'a - bi Ba - ba o da - ju.

ni - be l'a - bi Ba - ba o da - ju.

ni - be l'a - bi Ba - ba o da - ju.

Final time to CODA Φ
(p. 12, m. 55)

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f *f* *f*

I - yin, i - yin, i - yin ni fun

I - yin, i - yin, i - yin ni fun

I - yin, i - yin, i - yin ni fun

32

1. 2.

0. 0. 0.

1. 2.

35

mf A - du - pe fun o, _____

mf A - du - pe fun o, _____ *grad. cresc.* a - du - pe fun

mf A - du - pe fun o, _____ *grad. cresc.* a - du - pe fun

mf *grad. cresc.*

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grad. cresc. a - du - pe fun o _____ *f* jo o-ni, Ba - ba o - lo

f o, _____ a - du - pe fun o jo o-ni, Ba - ba o - lo

f o, _____ a - du - pe fun o jo o-ni, Ba - ba o - lo

f *2 2*

42 43

mf

o - re. — I - yin fun o Ba - ba,

mf *grad. cresc.*

o - re. — I - yin fun o Ba - ba, i - yin fun o

mf *grad. cresc.*

o - re. — I - yin fun o Ba - ba, i - yin fun o

mf *grad. cresc.*

mf *grad. cresc.*

mf *grad. cresc.*

mf *grad. cresc.*

46 *grad. cresc.*

i - yin fun o Ba - ba, Ba - ba a - nu,

Ba - ba, i - yin fun o Ba - ba a - nu,

Ba - ba, i - yin fun o Ba - ba a - nu,

49 51

f *2* *2* *2* $(\dot{.} = \dot{.})$

Ba - ba to da - 'wa si. ____

f *2* *2* *2* $(\dot{.} = \dot{.})$

Ba - ba to da - 'wa si. ____

f *2* *2* *2* *mp*

Ba - ba to da - 'wa si. ____ Be - te - le - he - mu.

f *2* *2* $(\dot{.} = \dot{.})$

f *2* *2* *mp*

52 D.S. al CODA
(p. 5, m. 17)

mp

Be - te - le - he - mu. Be - te - le - he - mu.

Be - te - le - he - mu. Be - te - le - he - mu. Be - te - le - he - mu.

mp *3*

D.S. al CODA
(p. 5, m. 17)

55 **CODA**

Be - te - le - he - mu. *cresc.*

Be - te - le - he - mu. *cresc.*

Be - te - le - he - mu. *cresc.*

CODA

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

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f

f

f

f

f

f

f

ff

ff

ff