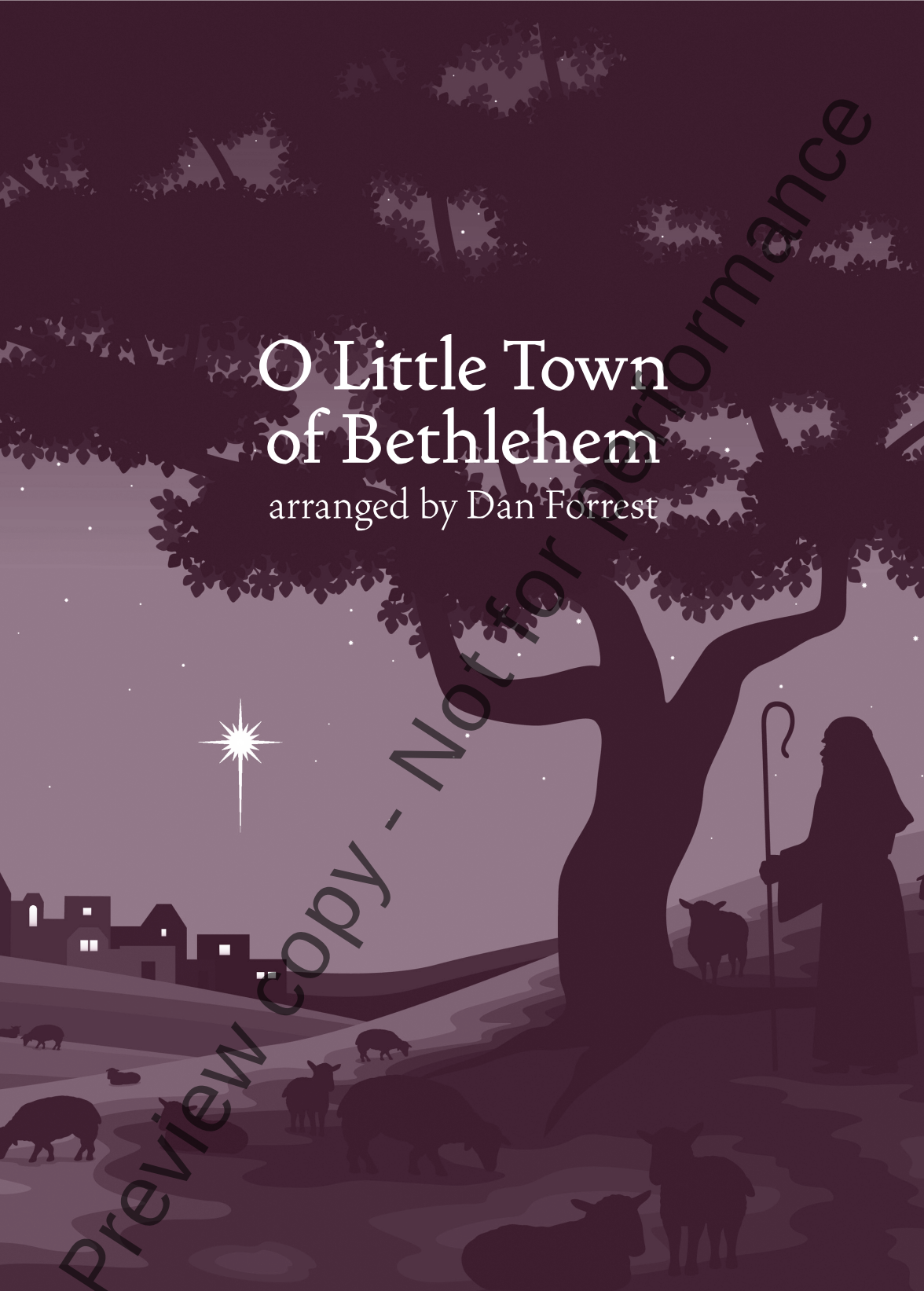




O Little Town of Bethlehem

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For SSAA Choir*, Piano, and optional Soprano Saxophone (or B♭ Clarinet, or Oboe)**
with optional String Quartet† or Orchestra††

Phillips Brooks (1868)

ST LOUIS (Redner), alt.
Arranged by DAN FORREST
(ASCAP)

*But thou, Bethlehem..., though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth
for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose coming forth is from old, from ancient days. (Micah 5 2)*

Very freely, with feeling ♩ = ca. 76
(gentle, dreamy tone throughout; always very nuanced and expressive)

Soprano Sax.
B♭ Clarinet,
or Oboe

Very freely, with feeling ♩ = ca. 76

mp

Still freely, expressive ♩ = ca. 84-88
gently

Still freely, expressive ♩ = ca. 84-88
(gentle 3+3+2 feel)

mp

6 7 8 9

ped. ped. ped. ped. ped. ped.

*hold down upper RH notes (i.e. C-F in mm. 7-8) across
mid-measure pedal changes, for more resonant harmonies*

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10 *Ped.* 11 *Ped. simile* 12

mp

Sopranos *p* *p*

O lit - tle town of

Altos *p* *p*

O lit - tle town of

13 14 15 16 *mp* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

(as before, with "finger pedaling")

Beth - le - hem, _____ how still we see thee lie.

Beth - le - hem, _____ how still we see thee lie.

17 Ped. 18 19 Ped. Ped. 20 Ped. Ped.

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep _____ the *p*

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep _____ the *p*

21 Ped. Ped. 22 Ped. 23 Ped. 24

moving forward...

si - lent — stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets

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moving forward...

p *mf*

25 *Red.* 26 *Red.* 28 *Red. simile, harmonically*

shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; _____

shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; _____

29 30 31 *Red.* 32

unis. mp

the hopes and fears of all the years _____ are

unis. mp

the hopes and fears of all the years _____ are

mp

R.H.

33 34 35 36

Red. simile, harmonically

molto rit.

met in thee to - night. _____

molto rit.

met in thee to - night. _____

a tempo

a tempo

a tempo

molto rit.

p

molto rit.

mp

a tempo

37 38 39 40

mf For *mf* For

41 42 43

Moving forward ♩ = ca. 88-92

unis.

Christ is born of Mar - y, and

Christ is born of Mar - y, and

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

44 45 46

Moving forward ♩ = ca. 88-92

mf (LH over)

44 45 46

gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep.

gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep the

an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.

Ah

deliberately

47 48 49 50 51 52

unis. mp

mp

mp

unis.

mf

deliberately

mf *unis.*

O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly

O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly

53 54 55 56

mp

birth, and prais - es sing to God the King, _____ and

birth, and prais - es sing to God the King, _____

57 58 59 60

molto rit. *unis.* *p* **A tempo, but very freely**

peace to all the earth. How si - lent - ly

molto rit. *unis. p* *unis.*

How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly,

molto rit. *dolce, espressivo* *pp*

mp *molto rit.* *p* **A tempo, but very freely**

61 62 63 64

the gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to

the won - d'rous gift is giv'n! So God to

p

65 66 67 68

hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heav'n.

unis.

hu - man hearts, the bless - ings of His heav'n.

69 70 71 72

moving forward... *...pulling back*

unis.

No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of

No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of

moving forward... *...pulling back*

moving forward... *...pulling back*

73 74 75 76

moving forward...
, mp ... *pulling back*

sin, where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, the

unis.
, mp

sin, where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, the

moving forward... ... *pulling back*

p *cresc. poco a poco*

moving forward... ... *pulling back*

p *cresc. poco a poco*

77 78 79 80

f *Moving forward ♩ = ca. 92 - 96*

dear Christ en - ters in.

f

dear Christ en - ters in.

f *Moving forward ♩ = ca. 92 - 96*

81 82 83

with urgency; feel in 2

84 85 86 87

gradually broadening *rit.*

gradually broadening *deliberately* *rit.*

gradually broadening *rit.*

88 89 90

unis. f **Broadly** ♩ = ca. 84-88

O Ho - ly Child of

unis. f

O Ho - ly Child of

Broadly ♩ = ca. 84-88

f

Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we

Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we

f

91 92 93 94 95 96

pray! _____ Cast out our sin and en - ter in; be
unis.

pray! Cast out our sin and en - ter in; be

97 98 99

born to - day. _____ We
unis.

born in us to - day. _____ We _____

100 101 102

hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell!

hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell! _____

103 104 105 106

107 108 109

rit.

unis. rit.

rit.

f

rit.

f

rit.

rit.

3 rit.

rit.

8va

Like the beginning

unis.

unis.

O

Like the beginning

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

mp

come to us, a - bide with us, _____ our

mp

come to us, a - bide with us, _____ our

mp

114

115

116

Lord, _____ Em - man - u - el. _____

Lord, _____ Em - man - u - el. _____

p *poco rit.* *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

117 118 119 120

poco rit. *a tempo* *molto rit.*

poco rit. *a tempo* *molto rit.*

a tempo *poco rit.* *mp* *molto rit.* *pp*

poco rit. *a tempo* *molto rit.* *pp*

121 122 123 124

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