

# Bethlehem

SAA a capella

Words and music by Lane Tracy

Duration: 5:40

Moderato

Soprano

Alto 1 & 2

*mf*

1. Ma - ry and Jo - seph jour - neyed long, sing - ing sweet this trav' - ling song:  
2. Wise men did al - so mark the star gui - ding them from lands a - far,  
3. Shep - herds and sheep kept vi - gil near. Brigh - ter did the star ap - pear,

Verses 2 & 3 only: mm. - - - mm. mm. - - - mm.

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"Go - ing home to Beth - le - hem." Ma - ry, be - ing great with child,  
bea - ring gifts to Beth - le - hem. An - cient scrip - tures had fore - told  
ligh - ting all in Beth - le - hem. Yet the wise men soon did warn,

Verses 2 & 3 only: mm. - - - mm.

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rode up - on a beast be - guiled trot - ting on toward Beth - le - hem.  
of a king like kings of old to be born in Beth - le - hem.  
"Leave the ci - ty ere the morn. Take the child from Beth - le - hem.

mm. - - - mm.

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*mf*

Jo - seph held the reins with pride, Ma - ry soon to be his bride, wed - ded in Beth - le -  
There the wise men did un - fold gifts of in - cense, myrrh and gold glit - t'ring in Beth - le -  
*mf* Jealous kings will soon pur - sue, fea - ring king - doms born a - new ri - sing in Beth - le -

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hem. Wal - king, ri - ding, mo - ving on toward gi - ving birth in Beth - le - hem.  
hem. Sear - ching for the new - born king to of - fer gifts in Beth - le - hem.  
hem." Fea - ring o - mens of new king - doms ri - sing up in Beth - le - hem.

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*mf*

High o-ver-head a star did shine, au - gured as a hal - lowed sign poin - ting down toward  
On - ly a sta - ble could be found for the hum - ble bir - thing ground of the king in  
Ma - ry and Jo - seph jour - neyed long, sing - ing soft this trav' - ling song: "We must flee from

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*p* *mf*

Beth - le - hem. Shep - herds in the fields by night mar - veled at the gui - ding light  
Beth - le - hem. Ma - ry knew the time was near. Soon the in - fant did ap - pear,  
Beth - le - hem." Forth to E - gypt they did go. There would Je - sus come to know

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*p* *mf*

cal - ling them to Beth - le - hem. Shep - herds with their flocks in tow  
new - ly born in Beth - le - hem. Je - sus in the man - ger lay,  
of his birth in Beth - le - hem. Yet the star did shine a - bove,

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sear - ching for a man - ger low, res - ting in Beth - le - hem.  
cra - dled by a bed of hay, slee - ping in Beth - le - hem.  
tel - ling of a - bi - ding love reign - ing in Beth - le - hem.

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1, 2 *p* *mf* *f*

Hail to all in Da - vid's birth - place. Hail to all! We sing ye No - el.  
Hail to all in Je - sus' birth - place. Hail to all! We sing ye No - el.

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3 *ff*

Hail to all! We sing ye No - - - el.