O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymns (1985), no. 208 · Key of F major · 4/4

Chords: F Gm C D Am C7 E7 A Dm E B♭ G7

VERSE 1

F Gm F C F
O little town of Beth-le- hem, How still we see thee lie.

D Gm F C Am C7 F
Above thy deep and dream-less sleep The si-lent stars go by;

C7 E7 A Dm E F Gm A
Yet in thy dark streets shin-eth The ev- er-last-ing Light.

F B♭ Gm B♭ F G7 F C7 F
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee – to-night.

VERSE 2

F Gm F C F
For Christ is born of Ma-ry, And, gath-ered all a-bove

D Gm F C Am C7 F
While mortals sleep, the an- gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.

C7 E7 A Dm E F Gm A
O morning stars, to-geth-er Pro-claim the ho-ly birth,

F B♭ Gm B♭ F G7 F C7 F
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men – on earth.

VERSE 3

F Gm F C F
How silently, how si-lent-ly The won-drous gift is giv'n!

D Gm F C Am C7 F
So God im-parts to hu- man hearts The bless-ings of his heav'n.

C7 E7 A Dm E F Gm A
No ear may hear his com-ing; But in this world of sin,

F B♭ Gm B♭ F G7 F C7 F
Where meek souls will re-ceive him, still The dear Christ en– -ters in.

Chords worked out from the hymnbook's four-part harmony. Chords change above the word where they change; play the same chord until the next one.