

2,000 Years

Words and Music by
ALUN COOK

♩ = 80 **Steady - Unhurried**

2 (Chorus)

Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem, Christ was born in Beth - le - hem, Join with us to

ce - le - brate the com - ing of the Lord Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem, Sing the news of

accel. (Verse 1)

Beth - le - hem, Sing of how a sin - gle child was born to save us all. 1. The

♩ = 80 **piu mosso - agitato**

sto - ry start - ed with a boy and girl, whose ex - pec - ta - tions left them in a whirl. The

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King de - creed that their tax - es were due, and Jo - seph knew what they both had to do, They

tra - velled through the de - sert sands, to reach young Jo - seph's Fa - ther's land, and so they came to

f *f* *mf*

rit.

Tempo I

(Chorus 2)

Beth - le - hem. Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem, Christ was born in Beth - le - hem,

Join with us to ce - le - brate the com - ing of the Lord Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem,

accel. (Verse 2)

Sing the news of Beth - le - hem, Sing of how a sin - gle child was born to save us all. 2. They

piu mosso - agitato

came to Beth - le - hem and bore a son, No grand ar - ri - val for the Ho - ly one! The

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Choir

on - ly room that they found in their plight, was in a sta - ble, and there in the night, the

ba - by Je - sus, born for all, a mes - sen - ger whose sim - ple call of peace is still a -

f *f* *mf*

live to - day. Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem, Christ was born in Beth - le - hem,

Tempo I (Chorus 3)

Join with us to ce - le - brate the com - ing of the Lord Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem,

Sing the news of Beth - le - hem, Sing of how a sin - gle child was born to save us all. 3. So

accel. (Verse 3)

piu mosso - agitato

Je - sus came in - to the world that night, And so the pro - phe - cy was seen as right, His

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in - spi - ra - tion - al task was be - gun, A tea - cher for gen - er - a - tions to come, But still we fight, and

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kill, and maim, Two thou - sand years and still the same, the shame of our Je - ru - sa

f *mf*

lem! Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem, Christ was born in Beth - le - hem,

Shame of our Je - ru - sa - lem!

Tempo I (Final Chorus)

Join with us to ce - le - brate the com - ing of the Lord Beth - le - hem, Beth - le - hem,

Sing the news of Beth - le - hem, Sing of how a sin - gle child was born to save us all

rit.

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Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
Christ was born in Bethlehem,
Join with us to celebrate the coming of the Lord.

Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
Sing the news of Bethlehem,
Sing of how a single child was born to save us all.

The story started with a boy and girl,
Whose expectations left them in a whirl,
The King decreed that their taxes were due,
And Joseph knew what they both had to do,
They travelled through the desert sands,
To reach young Joseph's father's land,
And so they came to Bethlehem.

Bethlehem, Bethlehem, etc.

They came to Bethlehem and bore a son,
No grand arrival for the Holy one!
The only room that they found in their plight,
Was in a stable, and there in the night,
The baby Jesus, born for all,
A messenger whose simple call of peace is still alive today

Bethlehem, Bethlehem, etc.

So Jesus came into the world that night,
And so the prophecy was seen as right,
His inspirational task was begun,
A teacher for generations to come,
But still we fight, and kill, and maim,
Two thousand years and still the same,
The shame of our Jerusalem.

Bethlehem, Bethlehem, etc.