

With this brass accompaniment, Bethlehem Ride may be performed by full SATB, just SA or even just the Soprano line as the all important inner parts and counter-melody are covered.

Bethlehem Ride

(for Choir and Brass Quintet)

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♩=112 Brightly

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Trumpet 1 in Bb
Trumpet 2 in Bb
Horn in F
Trombone
Tuba

p *mp* *mf* *f*

p *mp* *mf* *f*

mf *f*

mp *mf* *f*

f

Sleigh Bells

A *mf*

S. *mf*
A. *mf*
T. *mp*
B. *mp*

San - ta's fly - ing high to-night to spread the Christ - mas spi - rit all a - round

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O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem,

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A *mf*

Tpt.1 *mf*
Tpt.2 *mf*
Hn. *mp*
Tbn. *mp* *f*
Tba. *mp*

17

S. No-one sees him on his sleigh, he waits un-til we're all in bed and sleep-ing oh so sound. Ma-gic fills the

A. No-one sees him on his sleigh, he waits un-til we're all in bed and sleep-ing oh so sound. Ma-gic fills the

T. How still we see thee lie.

B. How still we see thee lie.

Tpt.1 *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf*

Hn. *mp* *f*

Tbn. *mp* *f* *mp*

Tba.

B



27

S. air to-night, the Christ-mas mes-sage spread-ing like a prayer. Je-sus Christ was born to-night in Beth-le-hem, his

A. air to-night, the Christ-mas mes-sage spread-ing like a prayer. Je-sus Christ was born to-night in Beth-le-hem, his

T. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep.

B. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep.

Tpt.1 *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf*

Hn. *mp* *mp*

Tbn. *f* *mp*

Tba.

37

S. *mp* **C**
 mes-sage bound for chil-dren ev'-ry - where. San-ta's fly-ing o-ver Beth - le - hem. Si-lent

A. *mp*
 mes-sage bound for chil-dren ev'-ry - where. San-ta's fly-ing o-ver Beth - le - hem. Si-lent

T. The si - lent stars go by.

B. The si - lent stars go by.

Tpt.1 *f* **C**

Tpt.2 *mp*

Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tbn. *f* *mp*

Tba.

47

S. stars... shi - ning now as then. Do those chil - dren down in Pa - lest - tine, think of Christ-mas or a dark - er time?

A. stars... shi - ning now as then. Do those chil-dren down in Pa - lest - tine, think of Christ-mas or a dark - er time?

T. *mf*
 Yet in thy dark streets shi - neth the e - ver last-ing light!

B. *mf*
 Yet in thy dark streets shi - neth the e - ver last-ing light!

Tpt.1 *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf*

Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tbn. *f*

Tba. *mp*

59 **D** *mf*

S. Ho-ping, fea-ring, per - se-ver-ring, liv-ing ev-'ry mo-ment day to day. Is the ev - er - last-ing

A. Ho-ping, fea-ring, per - se-ver-ring, liv-ing ev-'ry mo-ment day to, Ho - ping and fear - ing and per - se - ver-ing, is the ev - er - last-ing

T. The hopes and fears of all the years.

B. The hopes and fears of all the years.

Tpt.1 **D** *mf* *f*

Tpt.2 *mf* *f*

Hn. *f* *f* *mf*

Tbn. *f* *mf*

Tba. *mf* *mf*

68

S. light so dim, while we all sing an - oth - er hymn of praise. prais - ing God's mys-ter-ious ways.

A. light so dim, while we all sing an - oth - er hymn, God's mys-ter-ious ways, God's ways.

T. are met in Thee to - night

B. are met in Thee to - night

Tpt.1 con sord. *mf*

Tpt.2 con sord. *mf*

Hn. *f* *mf*

Tbn. *ff* *mf*

Tba.

77 **E** Verse 2

S. *p* Si-lent-ly, how si - lent-ly the sleep-ing chil-dren dream of days to come,

A. *p* Si-lent-ly, how si - lent-ly the sleep-ing chil-dren dream of days to come,

T. *p* How si - len -

B. *p* How si - len -

Tpt.1 *f* *pp* open

Tpt.2 *f* *pp* open

Hn. *f* *pp*

Tbn. *f* *pp* *p*

Tba. *f* *pp*



87

S. Dreams of pre-sents, dreams of peace, and some who e-ven dare to dream of fu-ture bat-tles won-

A. Dreams of pre-sents, dreams of peace, and some who e-ven dare to dream of fu-ture bat-tles won-

T. tly, how si - len - tly The won' - drous

B. tly, how si - len - tly The won' - drous

Tpt.1

Tpt.2

Hn. *pp* *p*

Tbn. *p*

Tba.

97

S. **F** Dark-ness ri-ses with the dawn and San-ta finds his job is near-ly done,

A. Dark-ness ri-ses with the dawn and San-ta finds his job is near-ly done,

T. gift is giv'n So God im-parts to hu-man hearts,

B. gift is giv'n So God im-parts to hu-man hearts,

Tpt.1 **F** *pp*

Tpt.2 *pp*

Hn. *mp* *pp*

Tbn. *pp* *p*

Tba.



107

S. *mp* Sor-row fills his eyes, he knows his su-per-hu-man task won't reach to each and ev'-ry one. San-ta's

A. *mp* Sor-row fills his eyes, he knows his su-per-hu-man task won't reach to each and ev'-ry one. San-ta's

T. The bless-ings of His heav'n

B. The bless-ings of His heav'n

Tpt.1 *mp*

Tpt.2

Hn. *pp* *mf*

Tbn. *pp* *f*

Tba.

116 **G**

S. fly-ing o-ver Beth - le - hem. Si-lent stars, shi - ning now as then. Do those chil - dren down in Pa - lest -

A. fly-ing o-ver Beth - le - hem. Si-lent stars, shi - ning now as then. Do those chil-dren down in Pa - lest -

T. *mp* No ear may hear his

B. *mp* No ear may hear his

G

Tpt.1 *mp*

Tpt.2 *mp*

Hn. *mp*

Tbn. *mp*

Tba. *mp*

127 **H** *mf*

S. tine, think of Christ-mas or a dark - er time. No-thing chang-es, not for long, the bat-tle ra-ges as the world moves on

A. tine, think of Christ-mas or a dark - er time. No-thing chang-es, not for long, the bat-tle ra-ges as the world moves on, noth-ing

T. *p* com - ing, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will re - ceive him still,

B. *p* com - ing, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will re - ceive him still,

H

Tpt.1 *mp*

Tpt.2 *mp*

Hn. *p* *mf*

Tbn. *p*

Tba. *p*

137

S. *f* Prea-chers temp-ting us with plans un-furled, "Life's bet-ter in a fu-ture world" they say, And theirs

A. *f* chan-ges the bat-tles rage on, Prea-chers temp-ting us with plans un-furled, "Life's bet-ter in a fu-ture world" they say,

T. *f* The dear Christ

B. *f* The dear Christ

Tpt.1 *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf*

Hn. *mf* *f*

Tbn. *mf* *ff*

Tba. *mf*

146

S. is the on-ly way!?

A. on-ly way!?

T. en-ters in

B. en-ters in

Tpt.1 *mf* *mf* *f*

Tpt.2 *mf* *mf* *f*

Hn. *mf* *f*

Tbn. *mf* *f*

Tba. *mf* *f*

155 **I** Verse 3 *mf*

S. Just im - a - gine what could be if Len-non's dream was e - ver to come true, Mar-tin Lu-ther

A. Just im - a - gine what could be if Len-non's dream was e - ver to come true, Mar-tin Lu-ther

T. *mf*
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem,

B. *mf*
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem,

I Verse 3

Tpt.1 *mf* *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf* *mf*

Hn. *mp* *mp*

Tbn. *mp* *mf* *mp*

Tba. *mp*

164 **J**

S. King, a-noth-er dream-er full of in-spi-ra-tion knew just what to do, Ghan-di lived his life as an ex-

A. King, a-noth-er dream-er full of in-spi-ra-tion knew just what to do, Ghan-di lived his life as an ex-

T. De - scend to us we pray,

B. De - scend to us we pray,

Tpt.1 *mf* *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf* *mf*

Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tbn. *mf* *mp*

Tba.

174

S. am-ple of how peace-ful pro-test wins. These three dream-ers, ta - ken from us. Bul-lets end-ing lives but not the

A. am-ple of how peace-ful pro-test wins. These three dream-ers, ta - ken from us. Bul-lets end-ing lives but not the

T. Cast out our sin and en - ter in.

B. Cast out our sin and en - ter in.

Tpt.1 *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf*

Hn. *mp*

Tbn. *mf* *mp*

Tba.

184

S. *mf* **K** mess-age of our sins. San-ta's fly-ing o-ver Beth - le - hem. Si-lent stars. shi - ning

A. *mf* mess-age of our sins. San-ta's fly-ing o-ver Beth - le - hem. Si-lent stars. shi - ning

T. Be born in us to - day.

B. Be born in us to - day.

Tpt.1 *mf* **K**

Tpt.2 *p* *mf*

Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tbn. *mf* *mp*

Tba. *p* *mp*

S. now as then. Do those chil-dren down in Pa-lest-tine, think of Christ-mas or a dark-er time.

A. now as then. Do those chil-dren down in Pa-lest-tine, think of Christ-mas or a dark-er time.

T. We hear the Christ-mas an-gels, The great glad-ti-dings tell,

B. We hear the Christ-mas an-gels, The great glad-ti-dings tell,

Tpt.1 *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf*

Hn. *mp*

Tbn. *mf* *f*

Tba. *mp*



205 **L** *mf*

S. Mo-der-n proph-ets of our time still teach-ing of the joy that peace can bring. So much

A. Mo-der-n proph-ets of our time still teach-ing of the joy that peace can bring to our lives if we choose, so much bet-ter, So much

T. And prai-ses sing to God the King,

B. And prai-ses sing to God the King.

Tpt.1 **L** *mf*

Tpt.2 *mf*

Hn. *f*

Tbn. *f*

Tba. *mf*

213

S. *f* bet - ter for the Hu - man race, and no dis - grace to pray for peace on Earth, *p* Sing - ing, pray - ing peace on Earth

A. *f* bet - ter for the Hu - man race, and no dis - grace to pray for peace, *p* sing - ing peace on Earth, on Earth.

T. *p* and peace to men on Earth

B. *p* and peace to men on Earth

Tpt.1 *f* *p*

Tpt.2 *f* *p*

Hn. *mf* *mf* *mp* *p*

Tbn. *mf* *p*

Tba. *mf* *p*



221

S.

A.

T.

B.

Tpt.1 *con sord.* *p* *pp* *open* *ff*

Tpt.2 *con sord.* *p* *pp* *open* *ff*

Hn. *mp* *p* *pp* *ff*

Tbn. *mp* *p* *pp* *ff*

Tba. *mp* *p* *pp* *ff*

Sleigh Bells *ff*