

HYMNS AND CREDITS FOR THE SERVICE: December 20, 2020

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to all on earth

Verse 3

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

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Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy

Rock-a-bye, my dear lit-tle boy, dear lit-tle boy
Won-der of won-ders my bless-ing and joy;
Slum-ber as I gen-tly hold you,
Let my ten-der love en-fold you;
Gift of God to me and the world,
Here in my arms lies so peace-ful-ly curled.

Lit-tle Je-sus, In-fant Di-vine, In-fant Di-vine
One with the Fa-ther, yet born to be mine;
As I rock you calm-ly sleep-ing,
An-gel guards their watch are keep-ing;
Pre-cious child, one day we shall see
What love has des-tined for you and for me.

Love Came Down At Christmas

Verse 1

Love came down at Christmas
Love all lovely love divine
Love was born at Christmas
Star and angels gave the sign

Verse 2

Worship we the Godhead
Love incarnate love divine
Worship we our Jesus
But wherewith for sacred sign

Verse 3
Love shall be our token
Love be yours and love be mine
Love to God and all men
Love for plea and gift and sign

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(after the benediction)
O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 5)

Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee
With love and awe.
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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