To: Leonard Van Camp and the SIUE Men's Chorus

BETHLEHEM DOWN

"When He is King we will give Him the King's Gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.
Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the soft arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.
Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold. ....Bruce Blunt

John Biggs
a.s.c.a.p.

Flowing (♩ = 88)

Tenor 1: Beth - le -hem Down,___ Beth - le -hem Down,___

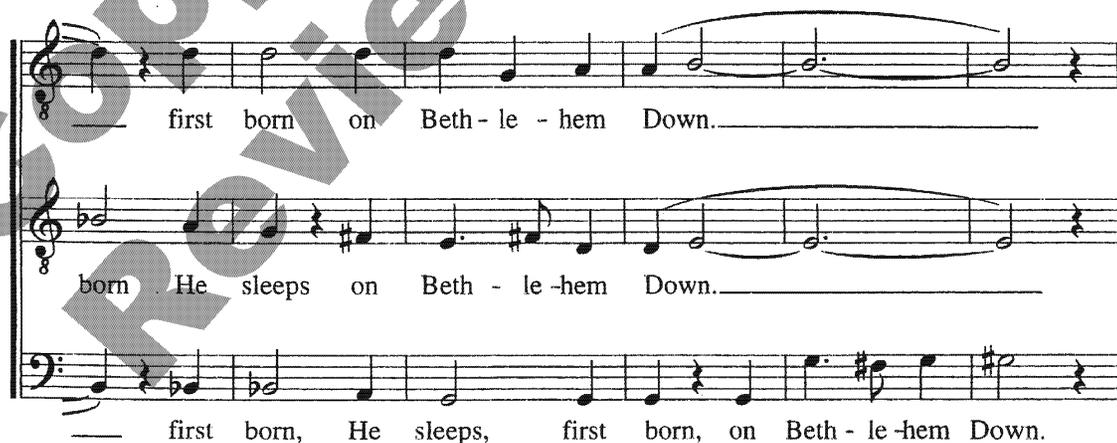Tenor 2: Beth - le -hem Down, on Beth - le -hem Down, first

Bass: Beth - le -hem Down,___ Beth - le -hem Down,___

first born on Beth - le - hem Down.___

born He sleeps on Beth - le -hem Down.___

___ first born, He sleeps, first born, on Beth - le -hem Down.

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first born on Beth - le - hem Down.

born He sleeps on Beth - le - hem Down.

first born, He sleeps, first born, on

Beth - le - hem Down.

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3: Beth - le - hem Down is
4: Ma - ry for sleep, and

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full of the star - light Winds for the spi - ces, and
lul - la - by mu - sic, Songs of a shep - herd by

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stars for the gold,
Beth - le - hem fold.
Beth - le - hem Down,

stars for the gold,
Beth - le - hem fold.
Beth - le - hem Down, on

stars for the gold,
Beth - le - hem fold.
Beth -- le - hem Down,

Beth - le -hem Down, first born on

Beth - le -hem Down, first born He sleeps on

Beth - le -hem Down, first born, He

Beth - le - hem Down.

Beth - le -hem Down.

sleeps, first born, on Beth - le -hem Down.

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5: When He is King they will clothe Him in grave sheets,
6: He that lies now in the soft arms of Ma - ry,

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Myrrh for em - bal - ming, and wood for a crown,
Sleep - ing so light - ly on Beth - le - hem Down.

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Myrrh for em - balm - ing, and wood for a crown,
Sleep - ing so light - ly on Beth - le - hem Down.

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Beth - le - hem Down,_____ Beth - le - hem Down,_____

Beth - le - hem Down, on Beth - le - hem Down,_ first

Beth -- le - hem Down,_____ Beth - le - hem Down,_____

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first born on Beth - le - hem Down.

born He sleeps on Beth - le - hem Down.

first born, He sleeps, first born, on

Beth - le - hem Down.

D *pp*

7: Here He has peace and a
8: Ma - ry for love and for

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short while for dream - ing, Close hud - dled ox - en to
lul - la - by mu - sic, Songs of a shep - herd by

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keep Him from cold,
Beth - le - hem fold.
Beth - le -hem Down,___

keep Him from cold,
Beth -- le - hem fold.
Beth - le -hem Down, on

keep Him from cold,
Beth - le - hem fold.
Beth - le -hem Down,___

Beth - le -hem Down,___ first born on

Beth - le -hem Down, first born He sleeps on

Beth - le -hem Down,___ first born, He

Ritard.

Beth - le - hem Down.___

Beth - le - hem Down. On Beth - le - hem Down.

sleeps, first born, on Beth - le - hem Down.

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