


The Bethlehem Bell Ringer

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Verse 1C

RM 
An an-cient church in Beth - le-hem, a tar-get in a bat-tle of men. Stands

RM 
on the ground where Christ was born. Trapped in - side the eye of a storm.


Verse 2


RM 
Sol - diers move from door___ to door,___ Mor - tar fire, it's all - out war.---


RM 
Arm - y tanks pa - trol___ the street,___ They treat ci - vil - ians with con - ceit.---


Chorus


Chorus 1: one per part
Last chorus: (a capella) one per part from "Oh turning wheel!"

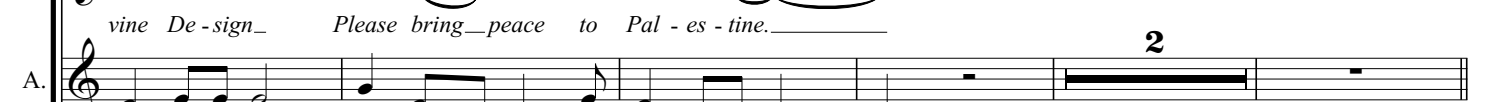
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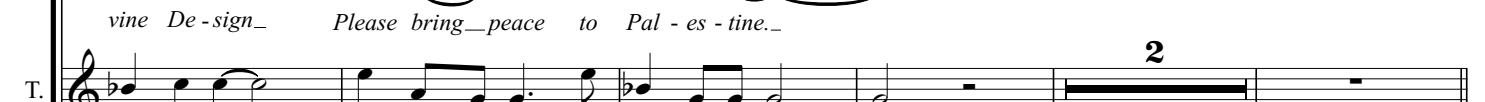
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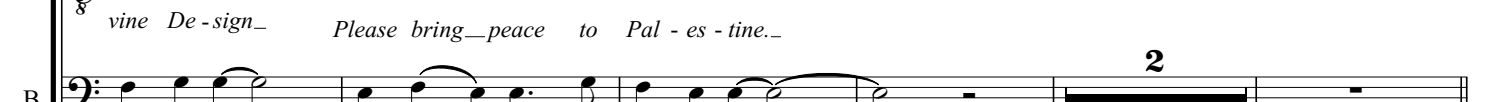
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Verse 3 C

48 RM Sa - mir I - brah - im Sal - mam_ Ful - fills his task the best he can._ Each

53 RM _ day at dawn he tolls_ the bells, while all a - round the arm - y shells._

Verse 4

58 RM He walks a-cross the Man - ger Square, for thir - ty years he's lived near there. A

63 RM sim - ple_ man_ who_ spends_ his_ time_ in qui - et pray - er at Je - sus' shrine. Bb C [Chorus]

Verse 5

67 RM Up - on the roof a sni - per aims His_ bit - ter heart with hate in - flames. Sa -

72 RM mir walks slow, his back_ bent_ low, And is struck down by the bul - let's_ blow._ Bb C

Verse 6

77 RM For man-y_ hours Sa - mir_ lay there._ Bleed - ing on the Man - ger Square. No

82 RM am - bu - lance per - mit - ted_ near_ And so the bell ring - er died there. Bb C [Rhythm stops] [Chorus]

Verse 7 [slower, gentler - no drum]

88 RM An an - cient church in Beth - le - hem._ The bells of peace won't chime a - gain._ The

93 RM peo - ple_ now_ all_ live_ in_ fear_ Griev - ing_ wails are all_ you hear. Bb C [strong guitar] [Chorus x 2]