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Bethlehem

The words to this song were originally written as a poem in Finnish by Immi Hellén in 1927. Over time this poem has been set to various melodies and has become known as a Christmas song in Finland. Now Janna Ylioja, of Dunblane, Sask., has written a melody and created a translation of these words.

1. Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
village humble, small and plain.
'Neath the palms you slumbered softly
as your star shone bright and lofty.
Grace to you from heaven came,
Bethlehem.
2. There we're led, there we're led,
thoughts once more this pathway tread.
There we see the child so holy,
at His side we'll worship lowly.
Sacred place our hearts retain,
Bethlehem.
3. Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
Heaven's holy little one
left from heaven's joy unmeasured.
How did you receive this treasure?
Gave a manger bed for Him,
Bethlehem.
4. Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
village humble, small and plain.
Wealth but once to you was given
When your manger bed, from heaven
cradled God's beloved Son,
Bethlehem.



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W Immi Hellen 1927

E Janna Ylioja 2024

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