

# There's a Cry Over Bethlehem

Matthew 2:13-18  
Jeremiah 31:15

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Swing ♩ = 82

*f* rubato - women in chest tone\*

Choir

There's a cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a wail of sor-rc — There's a  
all men\*

*f*

There's a cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a wai' ow be low. — There's a

Pno.

\*This should not sound pleasant - as wailing is not a nice sound. One might struggle with the concept of music about the slavery is an integral part of the Christmas story - which is of Negro Spiritual is a fitting genre for this story of injury.

basses up to an "F" and women in harsh chest tone. ents. Yet, this story portrays the brutality of the times and strays how prophesy was taken seriously - even by Godless people.

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loud cry - in' o- -hem. In a

loud cr /er Beth-le-hem. All the ba - by boys have been de-stroyed. —

steady beat *mf*

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**B** Swing ♩ = 100

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dream came a warn - in', "Stay a - way from 'Her-od the Great" — So the

dream came a warn - in', "Stay a - way from 'Her-od the Gr — So the

*mp* dm\* chm\* dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm

*mp* dm\* chm\* dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm n dm chm dm chm

\*effectively "doom choom" closing directly to the "m"

14

Ma - gi tra - velled home the way and the news he want-ed came too late. There's a

Ma - gi tra - velled o - ther way and the news he want-ed came too late. There's a

dm chm come the o - ther way and the news he want-ed came too late. There's a

dr am chm dm chm dm and the new he want-ed came too late. There's a

*mp* *f*

*mp* *f*

*f*

*f*

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C

cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a wail of sor-row be low. There's a  
 cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a wail of sor-row be low. There's a  
 cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a wail of sor-row be low. There's a  
 cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a wail of be-low. There's a

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loud cry - in' o-ver .hem. All the ba-by boys have been de stroyed.  
 loud cry - in' Beth-le-hem. All the ba-by boys have been de stroyed.  
 loud cry All the ba-by boys have been de stroyed.  
 loud cry All the ba-by boys have been de stroyed.

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D

Then the An - gel spoke to Jo - seph, "Take the  
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 dm\* chm\* dm chm .nm dm chm  
 dm\* chm\* dm chr .n chm dm chm

29

Child with Ma-ry and hide So the fam -'ly hur - ried down to E - gypt and re-  
 Child with Ma-ry So the fam -'ly hur - ried down to E - gypt and re-  
 dm chr .n dm chm dm chm dm chm dm down to E - gypt and re-  
 .nm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm and re-

E

33

*mf*

mained se - clud - ed for a while. dm\* chm dm chm dm chm dm chm

mained se - clud - ed for a while. dm\* chm dm chm chm dm chm

mained se - clud - ed for a while. Her-od wait - e mes-seng-ers,

mained se - clud - ed for a while. Her-od for his mes-seng-ers,

*m choom" closing directly to the "m"*

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dm chm dm chm .n dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm

dm chm dm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm dm chm

but they would re - turn. In a rage\_ he gave an or - der;

ev - er would re - turn. In a rage\_ he gave an or - der;

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**F**

ah. There's a cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a

ah. There's a cry o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a

"Kill ev - 'ry ba-by boy two years and un- der!" There's a cry Beth-le-hem, there's a

"Kill ev - 'ry ba-by boy two years and un- der!" There's a o-ver Beth-le-hem, there's a

45

wail of sor-row be low. There's a loud cry - in' o-ver Beth-le-hem. All the

wail of sor-row There's a loud cry - in' o-ver Beth-le-hem. All the

wail of - low. There's a loud cry, loud cry All the

or-row be - low. There's a loud cry, loud cry All the

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*with great sorrow*

**poco rit.**

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ba - by boys have been de - stroyed.

ba - by boys have been de, cry o - ver Beth - le

ba - by boys have been de, cry o - ver F - hem.

ba - by boys have been de - strov

When the wise men had departed, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to come and destroy the child, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod."

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"A voice was heard in Ramatha, wailing and loud crying; Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they were not." (Jeremiah 31:15)



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