

# Betelehemu

(Nigerian Christmas Song)

For Four-Part Chorus of Men's Voices  
and Drums (ad lib)\*

Yoruba dialect

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Arranged by Wendell Whalum

$\bullet = c. 84 - 90$

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Baritone

Bass

*mf*

*mf*

Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,

Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,

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Piano for  
rehearsal only

(Percussion: quiet, ad libitum)

*mf*

*mf*

A - wa - vi -

A - wa - vi -

Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,

Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,

\*May use: conga drums, bongo drums, and tambourines.

o ri Ba - ba gbo - ju - le,  
 o ri Ba - ba gbo - ju - le,  
 Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,  
 Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,

A - wa ——— yi - o ri Ba - ba fe -  
 A - wa ——— yi - o ri Ba - ba fe -  
 Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,  
 Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,