

Betelehemu

(Nigerian Christmas Song)

For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices
and Drums (ad lib)

Nigerian Carol
Via Olatunji and Wendell Whalum
Arranged by Barrington Brooks

J = c. 66 - 72
(4 times) *mp legato* (4 times)

Soprano
A - wa - - - - - yi o - - - - - ri

Alto
A - wa - - - - - yi o - - - - - ri

Tenor
mp
Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,

Bass
mp
Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu,

Piano (for rehearsal only)
J = c. 66 - 72
(4 times) (4 times)

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1 2,3

Ba - ba - - - - - gbo - ju - le. - - - - - ba - ba - - - - - fe -

Ba - ba - - - - - gbo - ju - le. - - - - - 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,

1 2,3

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hen - ti. Be - te - le - he - mu. Be - te - le - he - mu, Be - te - le - he - mu.

hen - ti. 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.

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

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f Joyfully $\downarrow = 76 - 84$

A - wa . yi - o - ri Ba - ba gbo - ju - le,

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* Percussion, ad lib. May use: congo drums, bongo drums, and tambourines.