

Dear friends of ours at Elgin High Church in Scotland have sent us this beautiful song about Bethlehem that depicts a true picture of the current situation and thought we'd share it with you. It is sung to the usual tune for O little Town of Bethlehem.

O broken town of Bethlehem your people long for peace  
But curfews, raids and barricades have brought them to their knees  
Yet still they strive for justice and still they make their stand  
Their hopes and fears echo down the years come heal this Holy Land.

O holy child of Bethlehem a royal refugee  
Your place of birth, now hell on earth through our complicity  
Innocents still suffer their backs against the wall  
We see the curse, violence and worse and choose to ignore it all.

O holy streets of Bethlehem deserted and destroyed  
Frightened faces fill sacred places pilgrims once enjoyed  
Yet in the midst of darkness a hopeful beacon shines  
Future lies in humble sacrifice and not in guns and mines.

O holy star of Bethlehem help us to watch and pray  
With love and light shine on the night reveal the Kingdom's day  
Lord, dare us to be angels your awesome truth to tell  
It must be heard, you are The Word, Our Lord Emmanuel