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