

Christmas Eve in My Home Town

"The Soldiers' Christmas Song"

Words by STAN ZABKA

Music by DON UPTON
Arranged by HAL MAPLES
for the *Sounds of Harmony Chorus*

mp
Intro (Optional) *p*

Tenor Lead

oo _____ 'Twas the

Bari Bass

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Chorus *mp* Swing! $\text{♪} = \text{♩}^3$ *cresc.*

8 10 11 12

And there were car - ols in the square, laugh - ter ev - 'ry - where,

13 14 15

mf

coup - les kiss - ing un - der the mis - tle toe. I can't help rem - i - nisc - ing,

coup - les mis - tle

16 17 18

know - ing I'll be miss - ing Christmas eve in my home town. You know that

19 20 21

Noth - ing can e - rase mem - ries I em - brace; those fa - mil - iar footprints up - on the

foot - prints on the

22 snow! 23 There's so much to re-mem-ber! 24 No won-der I re-mem-ber

my home town Bridge 25 Christ-mas eve in my home town. 26 my home town 27 I'd like to be there, my home town

28 trim-ming the tree there, 29 and there's a chance that I 30 might.

31 I can hear sing-ing, 32 stee-ple bells ring-ing 33 No-el and Si-lent

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Reprise

Night. _____ Oh wise men journeyed far guid-ed by a star.

Though I'm not a wise man this I know; _____ Through dreams and just pre-tend-ing, I'm
I know
I know

a tempo there and I'll be spend - ding this *rit.* Christ - mas eve in my home
my _____ The

Tag town oo *rit.* folks will all be there, and trim the Christ-mas tree _____ there. _____ *rubato* on

Christ - mas eve in my home town. _____

Performance Notes - History

Christmas Eve in My Home Town was written in 1951 during the Korean conflict. From the 1950's into the twenty-first century, it has been broadcast to troops overseas on the Armed Forces Network (AFN), and became known as "The Soldiers' Christmas Song." It speaks both to the remembrance of childhood, of joyful Christmases at home, and to the longing of our troops to be there during the holidays.

Alternate measures for higher voicing

there and I'll be spend - ding this Christ - mas eve in my home
my _____ The

Tag town
folks will all be there, oo — trim the Christ-mas tree there. — on
and

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Alternate ending - quartet

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my home town. _____