

Silent Night, Holy Night

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818;
tr. John Freeman Young, 1863
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Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

The musical score consists of three staves of music in B-flat major, 6/8 time. The top staff uses soprano and bass clefs, the middle staff uses soprano and bass clefs, and the bottom staff uses bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words appearing above the notes and others below. The first section of lyrics is:

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight,
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light,

The second section of lyrics is:

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child, ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia,
ra - diant beams from Thy ho-ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King,

The third section of lyrics is:

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.