

## Silent Night

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This hymn's his-tory is the source of some dis-agree-ment. The tradition-al story is that Mohr and Gru-ber wrote it in Oberndorf, Austria, on Christmas Eve when they discovered the church organ was broken (different versions say it rusted out, or mice chewed through vital parts). However, recent evidence indicates this may be only folk-lore. An old manuscript has reportedly been discovered that shows Franz Gruber wrote the score 2-4 years after Mohr wrote the lyrics. Whatever the truth, this carol has been a Christmas favorite for almost 200 years.

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Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

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## ALTERNATE TRANSLATION

### HOLY NIGHT

Holy night, peaceful night!  
Through the darkness beams a light  
There, where they sweet vigils keep  
O'er the Babe in silent sleep;  
Resting in heavenly peace,  
Resting in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holiest night!  
Darkness flies and all is light!

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Shepherds hear the angels sing;  
"Hallelujah! hail the King!  
Jesus, the Savior is here,  
Jesus, the Savior is here."

Holiest night, peaceful night!  
Child of heaven, O how bright  
Thou didst smile when Thou was born;  
Blessed was that happy morn,  
Full of heavenly joy,  
Full of heavenly joy.

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### HOLY NIGHT

Translated from German to English by Jane M. Campbell, 1863.

Holy night! Peaceful Night!  
All is dark, save the light  
Yonder where they sweet vigil keep  
O'er the Babe who in silent sleep  
Rests in heavenly peace,  
Rests in heavenly peace.

Holy Night! Peaceful Night!  
Only for shepherds' sight  
Came blest visions of angel throngs,  
With their loud alleluia songs,  
Saying, Christ is come,  
Saying, Christ is come.

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