

# 45. Silent Night

This universally loved Christmas hymn was written by Joseph Mohr, vicar of Oberndorf, at Christmas time of the 1818, for use at the Christmas service and was set to music by Franz Gruber, whose duty it was to provide church music in Oberndorf on holidays. Its author described the little poem as "simple and childlike, but well-meant." Both author and composer, sons of poor parents, were born at the close of the 18th century.

Joseph Mohr

Franz Gruber

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Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is\_\_ calm, all is\_\_ bright, 'Round Thy children,

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Father\_\_ on high, Shines the light of Thy star - ry sky,

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Light of heav - en - ly grace,\_\_\_ Light\_\_ of heav - en - ly grace.

2. Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds, kneel - wondrous sight!  
Glory streams from heaven afar,  
Golden gleams the guiding star,  
Lo, the Saviour is born,  
Lo, the Saviour is born!

3. Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams Thy holy face,  
Glow with love's redeeming grace,  
Bringing heavenly peace,  
Bringing heavenly peace.

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