

CHRISTMAS EVE: SILENT NIGHT

TEACHING NOTES

John 8:12; Luke 24:5-8; Luke 24:18-24; Luke 24:44-49a; Luke 24:30-32

Silent Night: Stille Nacht

Written in **1816** by **Father Joseph Mohr** in Obendorf, Austria

Composed in **1818** by **Franz Gruber** for the guitar and not organ for St. Nikola Church

Made famous by the **Rainer's** and **Strasser's**, traveling musical families

Sang, in German, in the United States in **1839** outside Trinity Church in New York

Translated into English in **1859** by **John Freeman Young**

Translated into more than **300 languages**, making it one of the most translated and performed carols of all time

An exact **replica** of **St. Nikola Church** is located in **Frankenmuth, Michigan** at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland

Literally **billions** of people around the world will sing this song tonight

If it were not for the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus...His birth would not matter

From Google Translate: verses two and three...**Sound it aloud from far and wide: Christ the savior is here! The hour of salvation strikes us. Christ in your birth!**

O HOLY NIGHT...in the midst of the weary world...we can have a thrill of hope because a new and glorious morning is coming.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL...Jesus calls the weary and burdened...helps us to become more faithful...more joyful because the greatest Christmas gift you can give yourself is by believing in Jesus and committing your life to him

AWAY IN A MANGER...if Jesus is our Lord...then we will do what He says...**Love others as I have loved you...Reconcile with your brother/sister**...with one another when it does not cause you harm...**Love and pray for your enemies**...both real enemies and your perceived enemies...to **Go the second mile**...above and beyond for one another...and to **Let your light shine**...because that light lives in you

O COME EMMANUEL...God was...God is...and God will be with us...Emmanuel. Because that is what He promised.

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GERMAN LYRICS

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Hirten erst kundgemacht
Durch der Engel Halleluja,
Tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter ist da!
Christ, der Retter ist da!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen
Mund,
Da uns schlägt die rettende
Stund'.
Christ, in deiner Geburt!
Christ, in deiner Geburt!

YOUNG'S ENGLISH VERSION

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 Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour 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!

GOOGLE TRANSLATE

Silent Night Holy Night,
Everything is sleeping; lonely
wakes
Only the faithful sacrosanct
couple.
Gentle boy in curly hair,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent Night Holy Night,
Shepherds first made known
Through the angel Hallelujah
Sounds it aloud from far and
wide:
Christ the savior is here!
Christ the savior is here!

Silent Night Holy Night,
Son of God, oh how laughs
Love from your divine mouth,
The hour of salvation strikes us.
Christ in your birth!
Christ in your birth!

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