SILENT NIGHT with DESCANT
(Stille Nacht)

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*The arrangement is based on the original Austrian composition. The German words were written in 1816 by Father Joseph Mohr, a Catholic priest, and the music in 1818, by Franz X. Gruber. The traditional English translation was done by an Episcopal priest, John F. Young, in 1863. The descant is traditional and of anonymous origin.
Solo

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B

Sam wacht - Nur das trau-te, hoch heil-ge Paar - Hol-der Kna-be im

Ein-sam wacht - Nur das trau-te, hoch hei-lige Paar - Hol-der Kna-be im

Schla-fe in himm-li-scher Ruh - -

lo-chi-gen Haar, Schla-fe in himm-li-scher Ruh - -

lo-chi-gen Haar, - - Schla-fe in himm-li-scher Ruh, - - -
'Neath the si - lent stars the town is
Schla - fe in - himm - li - scher Ruh - - - Oo Oo

Sleep - ing; Shep - herds on the hill their watch is keep - ing. Their
Si - lent night! Oo Oo Ho - ly night!

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flocks are safe within the fold, Secure from danger, want or cold.

All is calm, All is bright.

Round yon Virgin Mother and Child; Holy Infant so
Holy night! Sleep in heavenly, Silent, Holy
tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent, Holy peace. ----

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Sleep in heavenly peace.