

# SILENT NIGHT with DESCANT (Stille Nacht)

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Franz Gruber & Joseph Mohr

The musical score is arranged in five staves. The top staff is labeled 'Descant Solo' and contains a single note with a fermata. The second staff is 'Soprano', the third is 'Alto', the fourth is 'Tenor', and the fifth is 'Bass'. All parts are in 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

Descant Solo

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft

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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.

3

Solo

S

8

A

T

B

sam wacht - - Nur das trau--te hoch hei--li--ge Paar - Hol--der Kna--be im  
 ein - sam wacht - Nur das trau - te, hoch hei - li - ge Paar - Hol - der Kna - be im

7

Solo

S

8

A

T

B

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

10

Solo

'Neath the si - lent stars the town is

S

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

A

T

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

B

13

Solo

sleep - ing; Shep - herds on the hill their watch is keep - ing. Their

S

Si - lent night! Oo Oo Ho - ly night!

A

T

8 Si - lent night! Oo Oo Ho - ly night!

B

16

Solo

flocks are safe with - in the fold, Se - cure from dan - ger, want or cold.

S

All is calm, All is bright.

A

T

8 All is calm, All is bright.

B

18

Solo

Si - lent, Si - lent night! - - - Ho - ly,

S

Round yon Vir - gin Mo - ther and Child; Ho - ly In - fant so

A

T

8 Round yon Vir - gin Mo - ther and Child. Ho - ly In - fant so

B

21

Solo

Ho - ly night! - Sleep - in heav - en - ly, Si - lent, Ho - ly

S

ten - der and mild. Sleep in haev - en - ly peace. - - - -

A

T

8 ten - der and mild. Sleep in haev - en - ly peace. - - - -

B

24

Solo

night. Sleep in peace. - - - -

S

Sleep - - - in heav - en - ly peace. - - - -

A

T

8 Sleep in heav - en - ly peace. - - - -

B