

# Silent Night

*Silent Night* was originally a poem written in 1816 by Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest at St. Nicholas Church in the small alpine village of Oberndorf. The melody was composed by Franz Xavier Gruber in 1818. It happened that the organ was broken at St. Nicholas, so Mohr gave the words to Gruber, who finished the song just in time for Midnight Mass.

**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**