

**Silent, Starry Night** is an anthem for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Christmastide that incorporates the beloved carol *Silent Night*. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Isaiah 9: 1-7, Luke 2: 1-20, and Titus 2: 11-14. One basic homiletical theme is that the tiny child, born in a humble manger, is the Messiah, the Son of God.

In rehearsal, strive for a gently flowing legato enlivened by a strong sense of the underlying eighth-note pulse. The phrasing should be dictated by sensitivity to the text. For example, choirs may wish to sing mm. 9-16 as one long phrase, avoiding a breath at the end of m. 12. Carefully adhere to the breath marks in mm. 43-50, which overlap between the voice parts, creating the effect of one continuous phrase. Equal attention should be given the dynamics in mm. 35-50 and mm. 65-80 which, if properly performed, highlight specific vocal lines. A unison children's choir may sing the descant from m. 65 to the end.

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# SILENT, STARRY NIGHT

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied,\*  
with opt. unison children's choir and flute\*\*

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*Incorporating SILENT NIGHT*  
by FRANZ GRUBER (1787-1863)  
Arranged by ANNA LAURA PAGE

Gently ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 80 - 84$ )

The musical score consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the piano accompaniment in 2/4 time, featuring bass and treble clefs. The bottom two staves are for the voices. The first voice staff is labeled "UNISON VOICES" and includes lyrics: "Star-ry night, star so bright, shine o'er the man - ger". The second voice staff is for the flute. A large red diagonal watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase Only" is overlaid across the page.

\* Also available for S.A.B. voices, No. 16013, and 2-part any combination voices, No. 16014.

\*\* Flute part may be found on p. 12.

where the In - fant Je - sus is sleep - ing on the hay.

17 S.

A.

T. *mf unis.*

B.

King of kings, Lord of lords, kneel and a - dore Him,

Might-y God,

Prince of Peace,

Sav - ior of

all, al - le -

*mf*

25 *f* lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, He is born to - day, al - le - *mf*

*f*

29 *rit.* lu - ia, the Sav - ior is born! *a tempo* *mp*

*rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *p* *p*

33 *p* *p unis.* *(hushed)* Ma - ry sings *mf unis.*

Moth-er Ma - ry sing - ing sweet

*p*.

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37

lul - la - bies, an - gels watch

lul - la - bies as the an - gels watch o'er His

o'er His bed.

43

Breez - es bil - low

bed. Breez-es soft ly bil - low a -

round the Child, \* the Ho - ly In - fant, so  
round the Child, \*\* Ho - ly In - fant, so

\* No breath.

\*\* Words by JOSEPH MOHR, 1792-1848; translated by JOHN FREEMAN YOUNT, 1820-1885.  
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49

meek and mild.

Sleep in heav - en - ly

ten - der and mild.

51 *mf*

Detailed description: This block contains measures 49 and 51 of a musical score. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat. The vocal line includes lyrics: "meek and mild.", "Sleep in heav - en - ly", and "ten - der and mild.". Measure 51 starts with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The bass staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat.

53

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly

*rit.* *mp*

*d.*

*mp*

*mp rit.*

Detailed description: This block contains measures 53 through 55. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat. The vocal line continues with "peace, sleep in heav - en - ly". Measure 53 includes dynamics *rit.* and *mp*. Measure 54 includes a dynamic *d.*. Measure 55 includes dynamics *mp* and *mp rit.*.

57

*a tempo*

peace.

*a tempo*

*p.*

Detailed description: This block contains measures 57 through 59. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat. The vocal line says "peace.". Measure 57 starts with *a tempo*. Measure 58 starts with *a tempo*. Measure 59 starts with a dynamic *p.*

61

dim.

65 DESCANT  
(a few voices and/or unis, children's choir and opt. flute one octave higher)

*mp*

Star-ry night, star so bright shine o'er the man - ger

S. *p*

A. *p*

Oo

T. *p*

B. *p*

65

*p*

69

where the Infant Jesus is sleeping on the hay.

Oo

69

69

73 *mf*

King of kings, Lord of lords, kneel and a - dore Him,

*mp*

Oo

*mp*

73

*mp*

77

Might-y God, Prince of Peace, Sav - ior of all, al - le -

Oo

81 *f*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, sleep in heav'n - ly — peace, al - le - lu - ia, in

*dim.* *rit.* *mp*

Sleep in heav - en-ly peace, *dim.* *rit.* *mp*

in

*f*

81

*f*

*dim.* *rit.* *mp*

86

*a tempo*

rit.

heav - en-ly peace.

heav - en-ly peace.

86

*a tempo*

rit.

**91** Slower ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ )

*mp*

*p*

rit.

Sleep in heav - en-ly peace.

**91** Slower ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ )

*mp*

*p*

rit.

Sleep in heav - en-ly peace.

**91** Slower ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ )

*mp*

*p*

rit.

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8      9      17      8      25      4      2

31      a tempo      4      35      8      43      8      51      4      2      a tempo      4

61      4      65      mp

70      73      81

76      f

82      a tempo      dim.      rit.      mp

88      3      rit.      mp      p      rit.

91 Slower ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ )