

Christmas Peace Canon ingeniously blends the beloved traditional canon *Dona Nobis Pacem* with *Silent Night, Holy Night* and a newly composed melody, creating a charming partner song that is appropriate for both school and church choirs. Colorful harmonies and a soaring flute (optional) combine to create an unforgettable work for Christmas concerts or worship.

For performance by unison voices, sing Part I from mm. 30-end. The descant may be sung by a solo voice or a few voices. Because of its partner song format, this work may be performed by combining two unison choirs, assigning Part I to one choir and Part II to the other.

The use of signing is optional but is highly recommended. While the signing may be performed by one person or a small group, all singers should join in the signing for best effect. For instructions, please see page 12.

For performance by church choirs, suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Psalm 85: 8-13, Isaiah 9: 1-6 & 40: 9-11, and Luke 2: 1-20. One basic homiletical theme is the message of the angels' song, bringing peace to all people on earth.

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for my mom, Doris Bryant Schalk

CHRISTMAS PEACE CANONfor unison or 2-part voices, accompanied,
with opt. descant and flute*Arranged by
JEAN ANNE SHAFFERMANIncorporating *DONA NOBIS PACEM*
and *SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!*

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Gently (♩ = ca. 100-104)

gva

ACCOMP.

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6 UNISON VOICES

mp

At Christ - mas time the

11

an - gels sing a song filled with love for the ti - ny

* Part for flute may be found on page 11.

Also available for S.A.T.B. voices, No. 17991, and 3-part any combination voices, No. 17992.

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16 17 *cresc.* *mf* *mp*

king, a song of peace and har - mo - ny, a

21

song of peace for you and me.

(+ flute)

25 © 3/9/15 *poco rit.*

poco rit.

30 *a tempo*
PART I (or unison voices)

mp

*Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem,

a tempo

(- flute)

34 © 4/10/16

do - na - no - bis pa - cem,

38

PART I

Do - na no - bis pa - cem,

PART II (opt.)

mp

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem,

* Traditional canon; DAW - nah NAW - bees PAH - chehm (Grant us peace.)

42

do - na no - bis pa - cem.

do - na no - bis pa - cem.

46 © 5/11/17 *mf* 48

At Christ - mas time the

Do - na

(+ flute)

50

an - gels sing a song filled with love for the

no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis

56

54

ti - ny king, a song _____ of peace _____ and

pa - cem. Do - na

58

har - mo - ny, a song of peace _____ for

no - bis _____ pa - cem. do - na no - bis

62 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

you _____ and me.

pa - cem.

poco rit. *cresc.* *rit.*

66 DESCANT (opt.) 67 Slightly slower *mp*

Do - na, _____

PART I *mf* Slightly slower

*Si - lent night! Ho - ly

PART II (opt.) *mf*

Si - lent night!

66 67 Slightly slower *mf*

70

do - na _____ pa - cem,

night! All is calm, all is bright

Ho - ly night! All is calm and bright

70

* STILLE NACHT; words by Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), translated by John F. Young (1820-1885);
music by Franz Gruber (1787-1863).

75

do - na pa - cem,
 'Round you vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly
 'Round you moth - er and child!

75

80

83

no - bis pa - cem.
 in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in
 In - fant, ten - der and mild,

(- flute)

80

83

84 *mf* *rit. e dim.* *Slower mp*

Do - na no - bis, sleep in

rit. e dim. *Slower mp*

heav - en - ly peace, sleep in

rit. e dim. *mp*

do - na no - bis, sleep in

84 *rit. e dim.* *Slower mp*

88 *dim.* *poco rit.*

heav - en - ly peace.

dim. *poco rit.*

heav - en - ly peace.

dim.

heav en - ly peace.

88 *dim.* *(+ flute)* *poco rit.* *p*

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FLUTE

Gently (♩ = ca. 100-104) *a tempo*

6 9 7 17 7 30 *a tempo*

24 *mp* *poco rit.*

31 7 38 10 48 *mp*

53 56

61 *a tempo* *poco rit.* *desc.* *rit.*

67 *Slightly slower* *mf* *mp*

75

83 2 *Slower* 2 *rit.* *mp* *poco rit.* *p*

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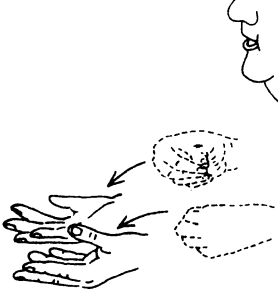



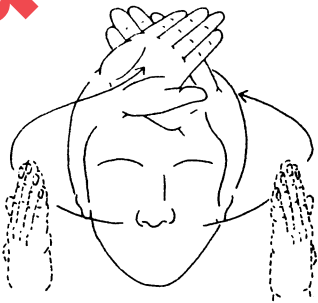
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The following signs may be used whenever the Latin text, "Dona nobis pacem"
 (grant us peace) is sung, and in the final phrase, "Sleep in heavenly peace."

<p>DONA (grant)</p>  <p>Closed hands facing down, turn in-up-forward & open</p>	<p>NOBIS (us)</p>  <p>Circle R index from R to L shoulder. <i>(opt. - use closed index and middle finger "U")</i></p>	<p>PACEM (peace)</p>  <p>R palm on L palm, turn over, then drop both down to sides</p>
<p>SLEEP</p>  <p>Draw open fingers down, closing finger tips at chin, bowing head slightly</p>	<p>HEAVEN (heavenly)</p>  <p>Open hands facing in, circle toward you, then pass right open hand under left hand & up, slightly above eye level <i>(opt. - circle downturned palms around each other & draw them out to sides, slightly above eye level)</i></p>	

