



*Silent Night* (music, Franz Xaver Gruber; words, Joseph Mohr)

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1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright;

Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,

Holy In - fant so tender and mild;

Sleep in heavenly pe - ace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing A - llelu - ia,

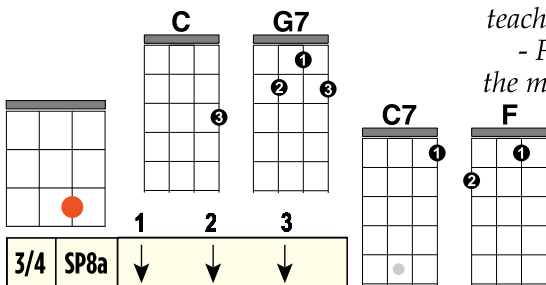
Christ the Savior is bo - rn, Christ the Savior is born.

3 Silent night, holy night! son of God, love's pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With dawn of re - deeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy bi - rth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.



Young priest Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words of Silent Night ("Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht") in Austria in 1816. Two years later, a school teacher from a neighbouring village - Franz Xaver Gruber - composed the melody, and it was first performed for the Christmas Eve mass in 1818. Before too long it became one of the best known carols in the world.

