Silent Night



"Stille Nacht" or Silent Night was first performed on Christmas Eve, 1818, in Austria by priest and Father Joseph Mohr who wrote the lyrics to a music composed by Franz Gruber. In 1859, Episcopalian priest John Freeman Young, New York City, wrote the following English translation.

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 Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour 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!