X29 - Silent Night/Stille Nacht

Verse 1 - Listen to German pronunciation here https://youtu.be/bXMM24n1yno

(Solo) Stille Nacht, heilege nacht!   (Silent Night, holy night!)

Alles schläft, einsam wacht   (All is calm, all is bright.)

Nur das traute, hoch**hei**lige Paar. (Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child)

Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,   (Holy infant so tender and mild,)

Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,   (Sleep in heavenly peace,)

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(Dozen voices) Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,

Christ the Saviour is born!

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(All) 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

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In 1816, the text to Silent Night was written by Fr, Joseph Mohr in Mariapfarr, Austria. The music to Silent Night was composed in 1818 by Franz Gruber. Silent Night was first played at St Nicholas Church in Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. Fr Mohr had originally written the song to be accompanied by a guitar but a second score was written for the church organ. The song had made its way to some of the performing families in Germany and Austria after 1820 and had become part of their concerts establishing it as part of the local Christmas culture.