O Holy Night

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied

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COMPOSER'S NOTES

- New melodic and harmonic version of the traditional piece. Lyrics are based on John Sullivan Dwight's version of Placide Cappeau's poem, "Minuit, Chrétiens."

- An introductory musical quote from the traditional O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam begins the recorded work, which then immediately changes key and direction. The opening accompaniment figure is a 4/4 variation from the original compound meter. The rest of the work features new melodic and harmonic treatment of the familiar lyrics. A final melodic nod to Adam's original closes the piece.

- *The composer engraved this work and acknowledges that clarity of intent often won over strict adherence to notational rules.*

Peace,

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10
of the dear Sav - ior's birth.
D
D/E
A
cresc.
13
S. mp
Long lay the world in
T. mp
A/C♯
F♯m
C♯m
p
16
mp
A.
sin and er - ror pin - ing,
'Til He ap-peared
mp
B.
D
E
F♯m


19
S.A.
cresc.
and the soul felt its worth.
T.B.
cresc.
C♯m
G♯dim/D♯
G♯7
C♯m
22
unis.
mf
A thrill of hope, the
unis.
mf
D Maj7
Esus7
E
cresc.
mp
25
wea - ry soul re - joic - es,
F♯m
E/G♯
A


27
S.
mf
S.A.
For yon - der breaks a
T.
mf
T.B.
27
Bm7
Esus7
E
30
new and glo - rious morn.
30
F♯m
E/G♯
A
33
mf
Fall on your knees!
mf
33
F♯7(♭9)/A♯
Bm7
mp


36
unis.
O hear the an - gel voic-
unis.
Bm/A
G
36
39
f
- es!
O night
f
39
F♯m
E
D
cresc.
mf
42
unis.
di - vine,
unis.
O
unis.
unis.
42
E
F♯m
E


45
unis.
night
when Christ was born;
when Christ was born;
unis.
45
D Maj7
E7
A
48
unis.
O
night,
O
unis.
48
E
51
unis. mp
Ho - ly
Night,
O night di-vine!
unis. mp
F♯m
E
D Maj7
51


54
A
mp
(L.H. 8vb throughout)
56
mp
A.
Tru - ly He taught -
A
p
59
— us — to love one — an-oth - er; —
C♯m
F♯m
E/G♯
A


62
His law_ is love,
A.
and His gos - pel is peace.
mp
T.
T.
62
A/C♯
D
D/E
65
S. mp
Chains shall_ He break_
65
A
A/C♯
F♯m
68
S.A.
for the slave is our broth - er;
68
C♯m
D
E
F♯m


71
S.A.
A.
And in His name
And in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease.
T.B.
mp
T.B.
71
C♯m
G♯sus7/D♯
G♯7
74
cresc.
mf
Sweet hymns of
cresc.
mf
74
C♯m
D Maj7
cresc.
mp
77
joy in grate - ful cho - rus raise we,
77
Esus7
E
F♯m
E/G♯
A


80
Let all with - in us
Bm7
Esus7
E
83
praise His ho - ly name.
F♯m
E/G♯
A
86
mf
Christ is the Lord!
mf
F♯7(♭9)/A♯
mp


88
O praise
Bm7
Bm/A
G
88
91
unis.
His name for - ev - er,
cresc.
unis.
cresc.
91
F♯m
3
4
cresc.
93
f
His pow'r
and glo -
f
unis.
93
E
D Maj7
E
mf


96
- ry
ev - er - more…
ev - er - more…
unis.
96
F♯m
E
D Maj7
99
unis.
ev - er - more. pro-claim!
mf
unis.
His
unis.
99
E7
A
2
decresc.
102
pow'r
and
decresc.
glo -
102
E
E♯dim
F♯m
E7/G♯
4
3
mp
decresc.


105
mp
Freely
rit.
ry…
His pow'r and glo - ry…
T.B. or soloist
mp
A
D Maj7
105
rit.
p
108
mp dolce
ev - er - more
S. pro -
mp dolce
D Maj7
E/D
D/E
E7
108
p dolce
110
claim!
ritard. e cresc.
A.
p
mp
O Ho - ly Night.
p
ritard. e cresc.
mp
F♯m
E/G♯
A Maj7
110
ritard. e cresc.
mp

~ 1st verse ~
O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!

~ 2nd verse ~
Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star so sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, Our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

~ 3rd verse ~
Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love, and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever,
His pow'r and glory evermore, evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory.

His pow'r and glory…
Evermore proclaim!



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