

# Silent Night

Music: Franz Xavier Gruber (1818)

Original German Words: Joseph Mohr (1816/1818)

English Words: John Freeman Young (1863)

*The story of this carol being written for guitar accompaniment because the church organ was broken may or may not be apochryphal. Regardless, this simple carol is one of the world's most well-known and beloved. It has been translated into over 300 languages. I've included all the basic parts you need: English carol with chords, German words & a couple of nice tabs. A beautiful arrangement of this may be found in Guitar World. The verses commonly sung today are verses 1, 6 & 2 from the original carol.*

C    G    C  
 Silent night, holy night    All is calm, all is bright.  
 F    C    F    C  
 Round yon Virgin, Mother & Child.    Holy Infant so tender and mild.  
 G    C    G    C  
 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 "Alleleulia."  
 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.

## **"Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night" in the original German)**

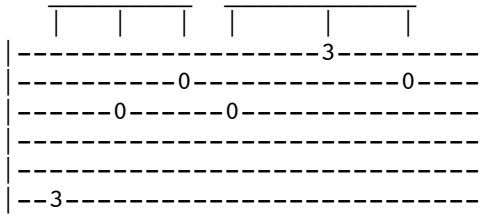
Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht.    Alles schläft; einsam wacht  
 Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.    Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!    Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht.    Hirten erst kundgemacht  
 Durch der Engel Halleluja,    Tönt es laut von fern und nah:  
 Christ, der Retter ist da!    Christ, der Retter ist da!

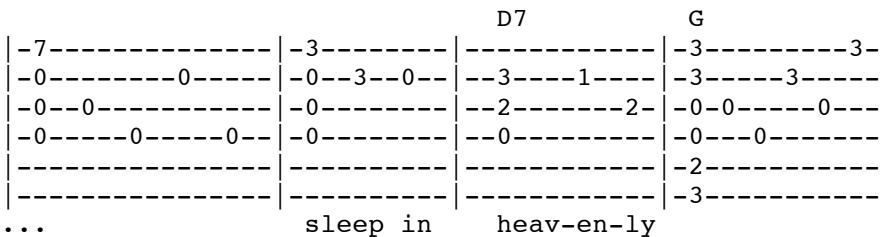
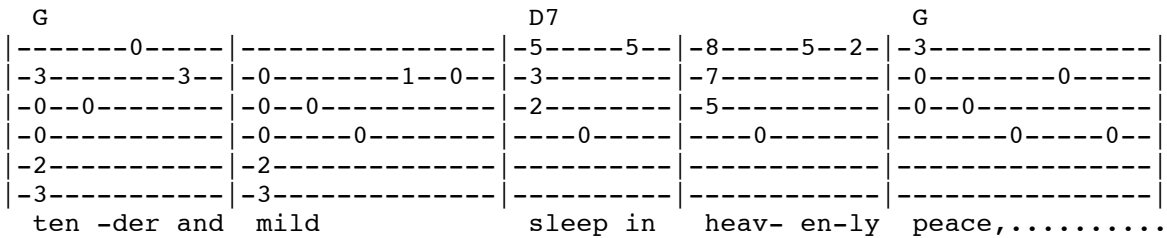
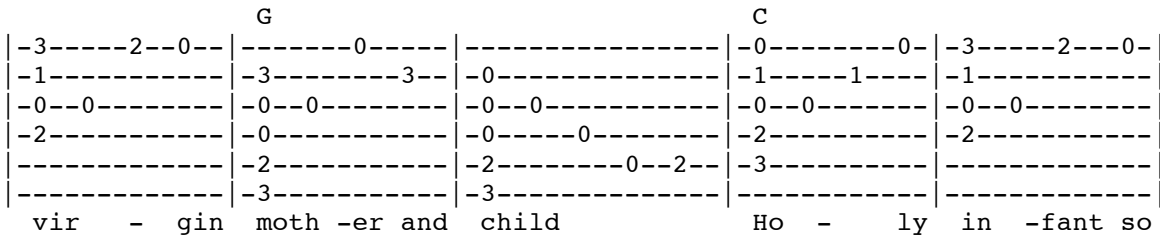
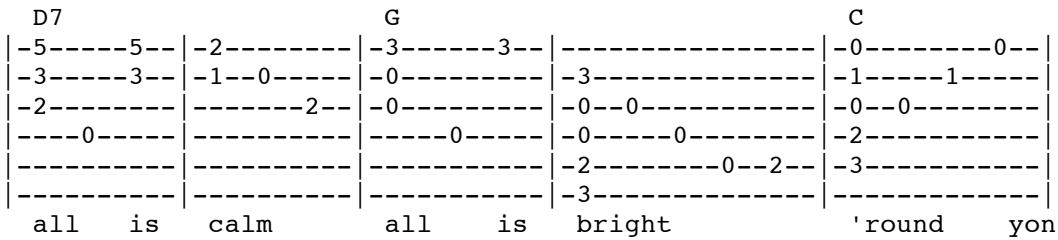
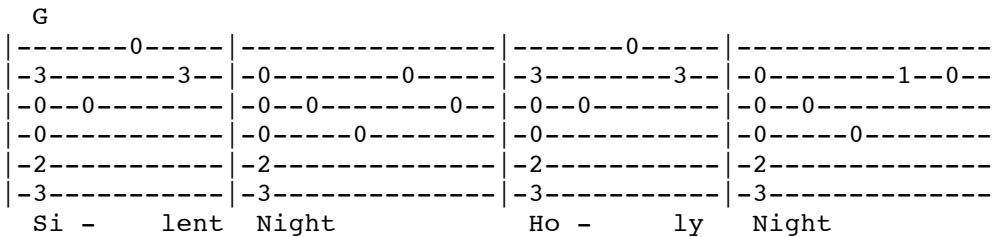
Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht.    Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht  
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,    Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund'.  
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!    Christ, in deiner Geburt!

# Silent Night Tab 1 (tabber unknown)

Basic Accompaniment pattern: change along with chords.



The song is in 3/4 time in the key of G.  
This arrangement contains the melody notes along with additional notes to make it sound good on one guitar. For a duet, add the above accompaniment.



## Silent Night Tab 2 (tabbed by Pinter Denes)

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-0-----0-----	5-----5-----2-----2-----3-----3-----		
-3-----3-----0-----0-----	-3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----0-----0-----0-----3-----3-----		
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-----5-----5-----0-----4-----0-----0-----			
-----5-----3-----2-----2-----			
-3-----3-----3-----			

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\* : change fingering  
 0/  
 /0 : replay

## Silent Night Tab 3 (tabbed by J. Fallo)

This version is simpler than the others you can find at nevada's ftp site.  
 (it is maybe not exact, but it sounds well).

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-0---2p0-----	-0---2p0-----	-7---7---4-----	-5---5---0-----
-----2-----	-----2-----		
-0-----0-----	-0-----0-----		-0-----0-----
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	-----2-----		-----2-----
-0---0-----		-0---0-----	
-----0-----	-0-----0-----	-----0-----	-0-----0-----
-7---7---10---7---4--	-5---5---9-----	-5-----0-----	-----0-----
		-----5-----	-3---0-----2-----
		-----6-----	-----2---2-----
			-----or 2-----
-0-----0-----	-0-----0-----	-0-----0-----	-----0---0-----