

Silent Night, Holy Night

Slowly (♩ = 72)
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C Inst.
*see notes below

If solo soprano or ladies section, sing "Ah"

Keyboard/
Organ

p Warm string or woodwind sounds.

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There are many usages for this instrumental or descant verse. As an introduction to the hymn, as a break between verses, a coda after singing. Also, there are many ways this can be realized. Top line may be sung "ah" by a soloist or soprano section. It may be played by a string instrument, flute, oboe, or clarinet, perhaps even a muted trumpet. The keyboard may be played alone, without the descant voice.

The "keyboard" may be played alone by a piano, organ, or keyboard with a string sound. Or the parts may be pulled out for a string quartet, or a woodwind ensemble. Combinations of strings and winds will work. (Probably not for brass, however.) The traditional melody played 8va. by a violin or flute may be added.

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