

Silent Night Meditation

Traditional Hymn with passages from The Bible

Spoken:

And the angel said unto her, "Fear not Mary, for thou hast found favor with God;
And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus.
For with God, nothing shall be impossible!
And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word."
And the angel departed from her.

Sung:

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;

Spoken:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus
That all the world should be taxed; and this taxing was first made when Quirinius was Governor of Syria;
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David
Which was called Bethlehem- because he was of the House and lineage of David-
To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.
And so it was that while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered,
And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger
Because there was no room for them in the inn.

Sung:

Silent night, holy night;
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born
Christmas the Savior is born.

Spoken:

And there were in the same country, shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night;
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them and they were sore afraid;

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people!

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a savior, which is Christ the Lord!

And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger;

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

The shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

Sung:

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.

Spoken:

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child;

And all they that heard it wondered at all those things which were told them by the shepherds;

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Sung:

Silent night, holy night