

# O Holy Night!

("Noël")

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SOPRANO  
or TENOR  
SOLO

**Andante maestoso** ♩ = 72

*p*

O ho - ly night! — the stars are bright-ly

ORGAN

**Andante maestoso** ♩ = 72

Ch.

*p*

Sw.

4

shin - ing, It is the night of the dear sa-viour's birth;

7

Long lay the world — in sin and er - ror pin - ing, Till he ap-

10

- peared, and the soul felt its worth. *pp* A thrill of hope, the

13

wea - ry world re-joic - es, For yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn!

16 SOLO *f*

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the an - gel

CHORUS *pp sotto voce*

S. Fall on your knees! Oh,

A. Fall on your knees! Oh,

T. Fall on your knees! Oh,

B. Fall on your knees! Oh,

add to Ch. & Sw. *mp*

voi - ces! O night di-vine! O  
 hear the an - gel voi - ces! O night di -  
 hear the an - gel voi - ces! O night di -  
 hear the an - gel voi - ces! O night di -  
 hear the an - gel voi - ces! O night di -

night when Christ was born! *cresc.* O night di -  
 -vine, when Christ was born! *cresc.* O night di - vine!  
 -vine, when Christ was born! *cresc.* O night di -  
 -vine, when Christ was born! *cresc.* O night di -  
 -vine, when Christ was born! *cresc.* O night di -

*dim.*

**rit. a tempo**

-vine! O night, O night di-vine!

O night, O night di-vine!

-vine! O night di-vine!

-vine! O night di-vine!

-vine! O night di-vine!

**rit. a tempo**

*dim.*

*cresc.*

*mf* Gt. both hands

**CHORUS**

**S.** Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the an - gel

**A.** Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the an - gel

**T.** Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the an - gel

**B.** Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the an - gel

voi - ces! O night di - vine! O  
 voi - ces! O night di - vine! O  
 voi - ces! O night di - vine! O  
 voi - ces! O night di - vine! O

The piano accompaniment consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The right hand plays chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

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The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as in the previous system, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

37 *dim.* **rit.** **a tempo**

- vine! O night, O night di - vine!

- vine! O night, O night di - vine!

- vine! O night, O night di - vine!

- vine! O night, O night di - vine!

*dim.* **rit.** **a tempo** **ff** (Gt. without reeds)

40 *dim.* **trw** **Sw.**

44 **SOPRANO (or TENOR) SOLO** **p**

Led by the light of faith se-rene - ly beam - ing, With glow - ing

**Ch.** **p**

47

hearts by his cra - dle we stand; So led by

50

light of a star sweet - ly gleam - ing, Here came the wise men from the O - rient

53

land. *pp* The king of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, In

56

all our tri - als born to be our friend; He knows our  
add to Ch. & Sw. *f*

need, He guard - eth us from dan - ger; Be -

*pp sotto voce*

S. He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

*pp sotto voce*

A. He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

*pp sotto voce*

T. He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

*pp sotto voce*

B. He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

- hold your king! Be - fore the low - ly

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be - fore him

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be - fore him

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be - fore him

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be - fore him



65

bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your king! *dim.* Be -

bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your king! *dim.* Be -

bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your king! *dim.* Be -

bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your king! *dim.* Be -

bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your king! *dim.* Be -

*cresc.* *dim.*

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**rit.** **a tempo**

-fore the low - ly bend!

-fore the low - ly bend!

-fore him bend!

-fore him bend!

-fore him bend!

**rit.** **a tempo**

*cresc.* *mf* Gt. both hands

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CHORUS

He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

He knows our need, He guard - eth us from

73

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be -

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be -

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be -

dan - ger; Be - hold your king! Be -

-fore the low - ly bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your

-fore the low - ly bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your

-fore the low - ly bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your

-fore the low - ly bend! *cresc.* Be - hold your

king! *dim.* Be - fore the low - ly bend! *rit.* a tempo

king! *dim.* Be - fore the low - ly bend!

king! *dim.* Be - fore the low - ly bend!

king! *dim.* Be - fore the low - ly bend!

king! Be - fore the low - ly bend! *rit.* a tempo

*dim.* *ff* (Gt. without reeds)

*dim.* *tr* *Sw.* *rit.* *p*