
Eighth Note Publications

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam
Arranged by David Marlatt

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856) was a French composer and critic. He wrote church music, several ballets and more than 70 operas. He is best known, throughout the world, as the composer of the famous Cantique de Noel or O Holy Night as it has become known. This powerful and beautiful song drew people into the churches at Christmas time and quickly became a holiday favourite. It is difficult to believe that a French bishop once criticized the piece for its “lack of musical taste and total absence of the spirit of religion”.

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Flute

Andante Maestoso $\text{♩} = 66$

mp

4

7

10

10

13

13

16

mf

16

mf

19

mp

19

mp

22

mf

22

mf

Musical score for measures 25-27. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the bass and a more active melody in the treble. Measure 27 includes a fermata over the vocal line and a double-measure rest in the piano accompaniment.

Musical score for measures 28-30. The piano accompaniment features a trill in the treble part of measure 29. The system concludes with a double-measure rest in the piano part.

Musical score for measures 31-33. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the bass and a more active melody in the treble. Measure 33 includes a double-measure rest in the piano part.

Musical score for measures 34-36. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the bass and a more active melody in the treble. Measure 36 includes a double-measure rest in the piano part.

37

40

mf

43

46

49 *mp*

52 *mf* *f*

55

58 *molto rit.* *tr* *molto rit.*

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