
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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Andante Maestoso $\text{♩} = 66$

Clarinet

mp

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mp

4

4

7

10

10

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13

Musical score for measures 13-15. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line of quarter notes in the left hand.

16

mf

Musical score for measures 16-18. The vocal line continues with a half note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, B4, and A4. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand.

19

mp

Musical score for measures 19-21. The vocal line has a half rest, followed by quarter notes G4, F4, and E4. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand.

22

mf

Musical score for measures 22-24. The vocal line has a half rest, followed by quarter notes D4, C4, and B3. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand.

25

28

31

34

37

37

40

40

mf

43

43

2

46

46

49 *mp*

52 *mf* *f*

55

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

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