

# Shades of silent night

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*mp*

Shades of si - lent  
Heav'n will guard their  
Not a - lone do

*Andante*

*mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the first six measures of the piece. The vocal line begins with a *mp* dynamic and a crescendo hairpin. The piano accompaniment starts with an *Andante* tempo and a *mf* dynamic. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 6/8.

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night di - vid - ing, Bursts the glo - ry from a - bove.  
flocks from dan - ger, Scat - ter'd o'er the moist green sward,  
men un - learn - ed, Bow the Ho - ly Child be - fore,

*ritard.*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 7 through 12. The vocal line features a *ritard.* (ritardando) hairpin. The piano accompaniment continues with the same tempo and dynamic.

13

*a tempo* *mf* *Più lento*

Down the stream of bright - ness glid - ing, Comes the mes - sen -  
While the swains to Beth - lehem's man - ger, Heie to greet their  
Sa - ges who for truth long yearn - ed, Heav'n's true Sun at

*a tempo* *Più lento*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13 through 18. The vocal line has a *mf* dynamic and a *Più lento* hairpin. The piano accompaniment also has a *Più lento* hairpin. The tempo marking *a tempo* is present at the beginning and end of the system.

19 *Più mosso*  
*mf*

ger of love. To the shep - herds low - ly, tell - ing  
 new - born Lord. Awe and love mat - er - nal blend - ing  
 length a - dore. So our songs pro - claim a sto - ry

25 *Più lento* > >

Of the Christ ex - spect - ed long, While the sud - den  
 Fill the Bless - ed Vir - gin's heart; *p* While with rev - 'rent  
 Kings of old have long'd to know, Tell of Christ, the

31 *Più mosso*

an - them swell - ing, *f* Fills the glow - ing heav'n with  
 gest - ure bend - ing, *p* Kneel these hum - ble men a -  
 Prince of Glo - ry, *f* Born this night, for high and

36 *ritard.*

song, *ff* Fills the glow - ing heav'n with song.  
 - part, *p* Kneel these hum - ble men a - part.  
 low, *ff* Born this night, for high and low.