

Classical Guitar Christmas

This collection of popular Christmas carols, with words, has been written for classical guitarists at various levels. Although these are classical arrangements, chord symbols have also been included for a simpler style of performance.* The arrangements themselves progress from easy, to intermediate, then to advanced. The latter, more difficult carols are paired with a simplified version so that they may be played by all.

* The symbols are in the music for simplicity, and are intended for vocal accompaniment, and do not necessarily correspond to the classical harmonizations.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ADVANCED

from Felix
Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

D A D A D A D

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Glo - ry to the new-born King,

D II — E7 A E7 A II —

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled.

D G A D G A

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;

G B7 Em A D A D

with the angel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."

G B7 Em A D A7 D

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Glo - ry to the new-born King.

Silent Night

ADVANCED

Francis X. Gruber

The musical score is written for guitar in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with guitar-specific notation including fingerings (0, 3, 2, 1, 1, 4, 4, 2, 1, 1, 4, 1, 3) and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics "Si - lent night! ho - ly night!" are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with chords E and E7, and lyrics "All is calm, all is bright". The third staff features chords D and A, with lyrics "round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.". The fourth staff uses chords D and A, with lyrics "Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,". The fifth staff includes chords Bm, E7, and A, with lyrics "sleep in hea - ven - ly peace,". The sixth staff uses chords A, E7, and A, with lyrics "sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.". The seventh staff concludes the piece with a final chord A and a double bar line. A large, faint watermark "STANDARD" is visible across the center of the page.

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