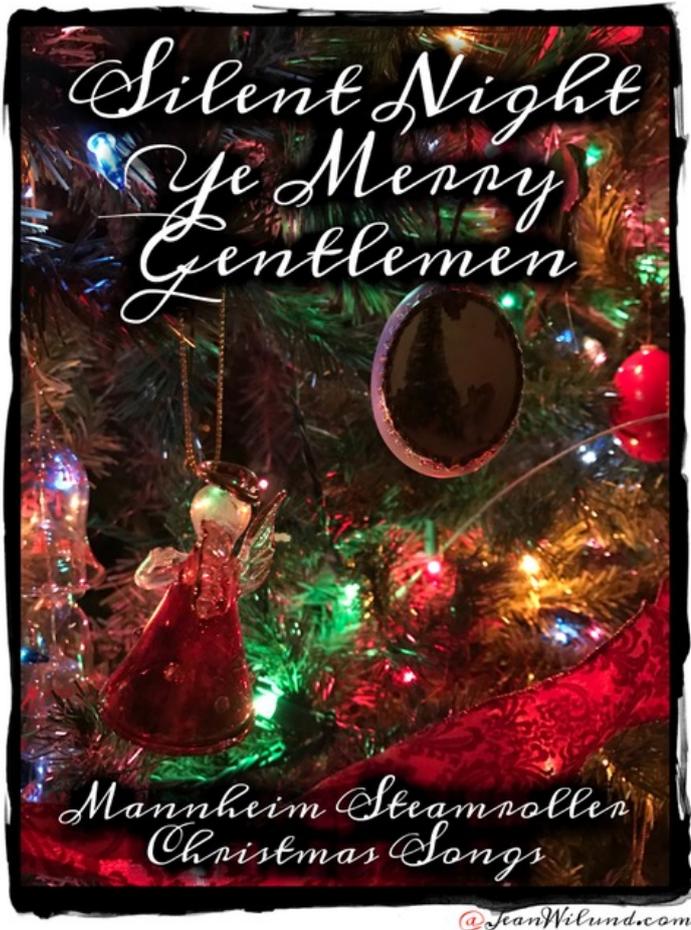


# Silent Night Ye Merry Gentlemen – Let the Christmas Season Begin



It's beginning  
to look and  
sound like  
Christmas.

Friday we put up our Christmas tree, and last night Larry and I went to hear *Mannheim Steamroller's Christmas tour*.

Amazing.

*By the way, Tom Sharpe, their drummer, stole the show. Brilliant musician and showman. He's worth a Google.*

It's hard to pick a favorite song of theirs to share with you, so I didn't.

I'm kicking off the season big by picking two songs. Crazy,

right?

Enjoy Mannheim Steamrollers arrangements of *Silent Night* and *God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen*.

*And be sure to scroll to the bottom of the post on-line to learn of a fascinating story about the carol Silent Night.*

## **God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**

This 16th-century carol still thrills the heart, especially the way Mannheim Steamroller performs it. Definitely my favorite version.

### **God Red Ye Merry Gentlemen**

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ the Savior  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we had gone astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!  
From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

## **Silent Night**

Composed in 1818 by Franz Gruber to the lyrics by Joseph Mohr,

it was performed for the first time on Christmas Eve  
<https://espano.lis-generico/>. *Silent Night* remains one of the  
most popular carols in history:

## **Silent Night**

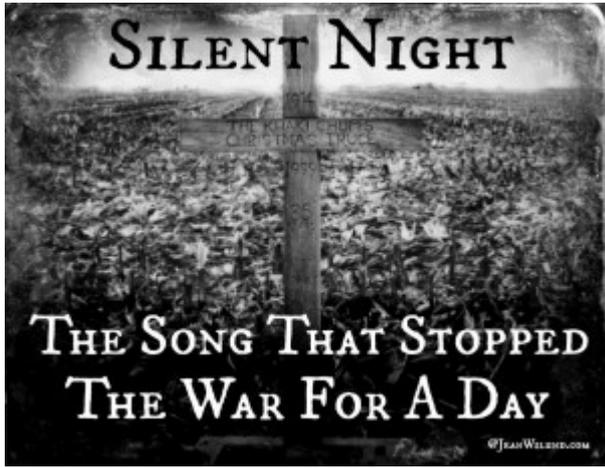
Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Last year I shared [Silent Night by Sinead O'Connor](#). It  
included an incredible story of the night the song stopped  
World War II for a day.*

*No matter how many times I read this story, it still  
fascinates me. Check it out:*



Share the Christmas Spirit and share these great songs with your friends. Thanks!

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