

Full Score
duration 2.30 min

Stille Nacht

Silent Night

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The musical score is written for a large orchestra and voice soloist. The tempo is marked "Andante tranquillo". The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score includes parts for Flute 1,2; Oboe; English Horn; Solo Clarinet B♭ 1,2; Bassoon 1,2; B♭ Clarinet 1; B♭ Clarinet 2; B♭ Clarinet 3; Bass Clarinet; Alto Saxophone 1,2; Tenor Saxophone; Baritone Saxophone; Voice; Horn 1,2 F; Horn 3,4 F; B♭ Trumpet 1,2,3; Trombone 1,2,3; Baritone C; Tuba C; Cello (optional); String Bass; Glockenspiel; and Triangle.

The vocal part enters at measure 6 with the lyrics: "Stil - le Nacht, Hei - li - ge Nacht, Si - lent night, Ho - ly night,". The instrumental accompaniment features a prominent woodwind section starting at measure 3, with the English Horn and Solo Clarinet B♭ 1,2 playing a melodic line, supported by the Bassoon and B♭ Clarinets. The strings provide a steady bass line, with the Cello and String Bass playing pizzicato notes. The Glockenspiel and Triangle add delicate textures to the ensemble.