# 71. O Holy Night

CANTIQUE DE NOËL

Capo I, play A

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1. O ho-ly night! The stars are bright-ly shin-ing, It is the night of the dear Sav-ior's birth;
2. Led by the light of faith se-rene-ly beam-ing, With glow-ing hearts by his cra-dle we stand;
3. Tru-ly he taught us to love one an-oth-er, His law is love, and his gos-pel is peace.

Long lay the world in sin and er-ror pin-ing, till he ap-peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the wea-ry world re-joi-ces, For yon-der breaks a new and glo-rious morn.
So led by light of a star sweet-ly gleam-ing here came the wise men from O-ri-ent land. The King of kings lay thus in low-ly man-ger, In all our tri-als born to be our friend;
Chains shall he break for the slave is our broth-er, and in his name all op-pres-sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grate-ful cho-rus raise we, Let all with-in us praise his ho-ly name.

Text: after "Minuit, chrétiens" (Midnight, Christians) by a wine merchant and poet, Placide Cappeau (1808–1877).
English text by John Sullivan Dwight, a Unitarian minister, 1855, after the French
Tune:Adolphe Adam, (1803-1856) 1847.

In Roquemaure, France at the end of the year 1843, the church organ was recently renovated. To celebrate the event, the parish priest
asked Cappeau, native from this town, to write a Christmas poem, even though the latter never showed an interest in religion, and Cappeau obliged.
Soon after, Adam wrote the music. The song was premiered in Roquemaure in 1847 by the opera singer Emily Laurey.

(F♯m) Gm   (C♯m) Dm   (Bm) Cm   (F♯m) Gm

1. Fall on your knees, O hear the an - gel voic - es! O
2. He knows our need, Our weak - ness is no stran - ger; Be
3. Christ is the Lord, O praise his name for ev - er! His

**3rd time to coda** ⊕

(A) B♭/F  (E7) F7/E♭  (A) B♭/D  (D) E♭  (A) B♭/F  (E7) F7  (A) B♭  B♭/D

night di - vine O night when Christ was born! O
hold your King, be - fore him low - ly bend! Be -
pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim! His

1.2.

(E) F  (E) F7/E♭  (A) B♭/D  (D) E♭  (A) B♭/F  (E7) F7  (A) B♭

night, O ho - ly night, O night di - vine!
hold your King, be - fore him low - ly bend!

⊕ **Coda**

3.

(E) F  (E7) F7/E♭  (A7) B♭7/D  (D) E♭  (A) B♭/F  (E7) F7  (A) B♭

3. pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!

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