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25. Silent night

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '8'). The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the bassoon or basso continuo, and the bottom staff for the cello or double bass. The music is in G major, indicated by a 'G' with a sharp sign. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

The second section continues:

round yon vir - gin mo-ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten-der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea-ven a - far; heav'n-ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

The third section concludes:

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! Christ, the Sa - viour, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.