

## "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.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia! 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!

Silent night! Holy night! Brought the world gracious light. Down from heaven's golden height, Comes to us the glorious sight: Jesus, as one of mankind.

Silent night! Holy night! Long ago, minding our plight, God the world from misery freed, In the dark age of our fathers decreed: All the world is redeemed!

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light. With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our king; Christ the Savior is born!

"But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." (Luke 2:9)

## TREASURE UP & PONDER

- "Treasure up" to carefully keep in mind; to protect from corruption; to preserve fresh in one's memory
- "Ponder" to wrestle, interrogate, dialogue with, tease out meaning & implication, draw conclusions & arrive at a course of action

What piece of Mary's experience strikes you as most interesting or surprising? Why?

## What aspect or implication of the Christmas story most causes you to sing?

As you treasure up these truths and ponder them in your heart, how will you respond?