

An Archive of the musical compositions by Herb Bielawa

Composition: **Holy Night** – SATB choir a cappella

Date: 2001

Duration: 4:14

Recording: by the San Francisco Choral Artists directed by Magen Soloman

Program Note:

In very short order, the ear will discern the words of *Silent Night* in my *Holy Night*. It started out several years ago as a Christmas card. Refinements were made since then. The challenge was to try to escape the musical pull of the traditional carol tune enough to create an original one.

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 Saviour is born!
Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

- Joseph Mohr