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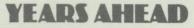
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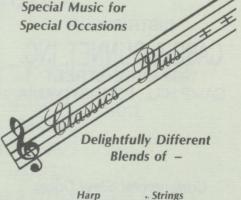
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TRANSLATIONS

STILLE NACHT (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, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds first saw the sight: Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent Night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; Radiance beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

LUX HODIE: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (A Light Today: From the East)

A light today, a light of rejoicing! I ordain that whoever is sad shall be banned from this festival.

Envies and all sorrow be afar today! The feast of the ass demands all who celebrate it to be merry!

1. From the East came the ass, handsome and very strong, most fit to carry burdens. Gee-up, Sir Donkey, gee-up!

2. Nourished by Reuben in the hills of Sychem, he crossed the Jordan and entered Bethlehem. Gee-up, Sir Donkey, Gee-up!

3. He outleapt mules, fawns and roebucks, fleet beyond the dromedaries of Midian. Gee-up, Sir Donkey, gee-up!

4. The ass's strength brought into the church gold from Arabia, frankincense and myrrh from Sheba. Gee-up, Sir Donkey, gee-up!

5. While he draws the heavy laden wagons, his jaws chew hard fodder. Gee-up, Sir Donkey, gee-up!

6. He eats barley mixed with corn and thistles: he separates the wheat from the chaff. Gee-up, Sir Donkey, gee-up!

7. Say Amen, O ass, already sated with food: amen, amen again and despise ancient sins. Gee-up, Sir Donkey, gee-up!

VERBUM PATRIS HUMANATUR (The Word of the Father is Made Man)

1. The Word of the Father is made man, while a maiden is greeted; the greeted one is fruitful without knowledge of man. Behold, new joys!

2. A new manner of birth, but exceeding the power of nature, when the creator of all things is made creature.

3. Hear of a birth beyond precedent: a virgin hath given birth to the Saviour, a creature the Creator, a daughter the Father.

4. In the Saviour's birth there is no parent of our kind: a maiden gives birth, nor do the lilies of her chastity wither.

5. God in Man is given us, the given one is shown to us, while peace is announced to the nations and glory to the heavens.

VERBUM PATRIS HODIE

(Today the Father's Word)

1. Today the Father's Word hath proceeded from a virgin: let us, the angelic hosts, praise the Lord with joyful song. Alleluia!

2. The angel hath announced peace to all good men: the love of the true sun hath shone upon the shepherds. Let us give thanks unto God. Alleluia!





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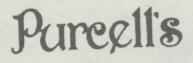


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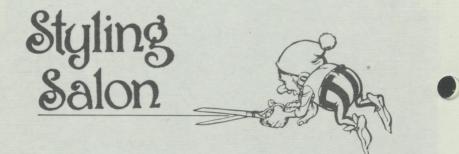




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