

# Haydn.

# Proprium missæ.

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**Haydn**

**Heiligfte Nacht!**

MH 429

Sacred song (Christmas)

*2 S (coro), 2 cor (A), b, org*

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*Full score*

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# Critical Report

## Abbreviations

<b>b</b>	basses
<b>cor</b>	horn
<b>org</b>	organ
<b>S</b>	soprano

## Sources

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## Lyrics

Heiligfte Nacht!  
Finfterniß weicht, es glänzet hienieden,  
Harfen verbreiten den fünffekten Klang;  
Engel erfcheinen, verkünden den Frieden,  
lieblich ertönet ihr froher Gefang.  
Chriften erwachet und kommet gefchwind,  
folget den Hirten, die eifriger find;  
eilet nach Bethlehem, feht euer Diadem,  
hier liegt das Kind, hier liegt das Kind!



## 429 Heiligfte Nacht!

*Adagio* *Andantino*

*Corno I, II in A*

*Soprano I*  
Hei - lig - fte Nacht! Fin - fter - niß wei - chet, es glän - zet hie -

*Soprano II*  
Hei - lig - fte Nacht! Fin - fter - niß wei - chet, es glän - zet hie -

*Organo e Bassi*  
*f Tutti*  
6 7 = [8] 7 6 = 5 6 5 6  
4 3 = 3 5 4 = [3] 4 [3] 5

6  
nie - den, Har - fen ver - brei - ten den fuf - fe - ften Klang; En - gel er -

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9 [8] 6 6 6 6 [5] #7 6  
4 3 5 5 4 4 3 5 4

12  
fchei - nen, ver - kün - den den Frie - den, lieb - lich er - tö - net ihr fro - her Ge -

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= 5 [3] 6 4 [5] # 7 6 5 = 6 5 6 4 7 6 5 [3] 6 7 #

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fang. Chri - ften er - wa - chet und kom - met ge - fchwind, fol - get den

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6 5 2 6 8 5 9 [8] 3

4 [3] 6 4

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Hir - ten, die ei - fri - ger find; ei - let nach Beth - le-hem, feht eu - er

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6 2 6 6 6 6 5 7 5 7 2

5 4 [3]

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Di - a-dem, hier liegt das Kind, hier liegt das Kind!

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7 6 6 9 [8] 6 7 5 9 8

5 4 4 3 4 [3]