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SONGS for SEEKERS

Chyros Carol

THIS FOUR PART Solstice and Christmas ode has been many years in the making. I wrote Quiet Carol in 1996 to a melody I'd written for a life cycle song, Wondrous Times. Later, I connected it with Silent Night. This year, I wrote the Canticle to complete the spiritual circle for myself and perhaps others.

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Chyros Carol

PART ONE: A QUIET CAROL

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Capo 2nd fret

(Instrumental opening: entire A/A/B melody)

D

Silent nights,

E

Angel's flights,

A7 D

Do I dare believe?

D

As the songs,

E

Linger on,

A7 D

Through this Christmas eve.

(instrumental chorus)

G A D G A D G/D/A D/A/D E E7 A7

D

Peace on earth,

E

Second birth,

A7 D

Can these be achieved?

D

Yet, the songs,

E

Linger on,

A7 D

Every Christmas eve.

(ending instrumental: repeat A/sustain)

PART TWO: SILENT NIGHT

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Capo 2nd fret

G

Silent night, holy night.

D G

All is calm, all is bright.

C G

Round yon virgin, mother and child

C G

Holy infant so tender and mild

D G

Sleep in heavenly peace

D7 G

Sleep in heavenly peace

PART THREE: CANTICLE

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Spoken over Silent Night

In ancient times,

The desert sages spoke

Of a star shining brightly

In the night sky of the human heart.

This is what they said:

When the royal beings of this world,

After wanting endlessly,

Seek its light

They are led to a miracle.

Surrounded by their slumbering animal nature,

And in utter humility,

They will witness Wisdom and Spirit

Conceive a second birth,

A virgin birth.

In that moment,

The heart merges with its eternal luminosity,

Wandering ceases,

Death is extinguished,

And only the light remains.

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