

Wishes the holiday season finds you  
in good health. We've been on the way  
so long that we feel like natives  
of the state. I'm still enjoying exploration  
work with a moderate amount of success.  
Wishes your good Christmas Eve happy and  
in good health.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, U.S.A.

GIBSON

Christmas Eve  
Gibson

30382

Best Regards,  
A.H.



## THE STORY OF "SILENT NIGHT"

The words of this beautiful carol were born, over a hundred years ago, in the village of Arnsdorf, Austria. It happened on the night before Christmas Eve. The parish priest, Father Josef Mohr, was troubled. The old organ in the little church was broken. He thought of the Christmas Eve service. If only there could be some special music!

Coming home from a visit to a parishioner, Father Mohr found himself on the heights overlooking the little village, where a few lights glimmered in the silent darkness. So it must have been in Bethlehem on that silent, holy night when Christ was born. Silent night, holy night! Words came to him. He hastened home and put them down. The next day he showed them to his organist, Franz Gruber. As he read the words, Franz Gruber felt the beauty of that first holy night. He began to sing, and those who listened knew the song would be immortal.

There was no organ music in the church on Christmas Eve. But, as Father Mohr sang, with Franz Gruber accompanying him on the guitar, the congregation listened in wonder to the first rendition of a song that was to be a Christmas gift to all the world—"Silent Night."

May the true happiness of Christmas  
be yours

A. L. & Gladys Lenth & girls  
(over)