

Silent Night on the Lakes

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- 1) My watch was over. I stepped outside on this cold December night.
The light snow crunched between boot and steel. Snow drifted in the light.
On the St. Mary's banks shine festive lights. Smoke drifted up high. Folks cozy inside.
From the bow, I thought of family back in Toledo
On Christmas Eve on a freighter upbound to the Soo.

chorus: The miracle of Christmas, a time of Peace and Joy,
Surrounded by family, happy squeals of girls and boys.
But our family on the freighter is all we have today
As Christmas comes out on the Lakes like any other day.

- 2) Upbound on Superior to the docks at Silver Bay
The skies clear, the seas calm, a gift on Christmas Day.
But I still stood watch, the work must be done
But it couldn't keep my thoughts from my family at home.
The galley crew outdid themselves with a spread of ham and beef
With all the fixin's pies and cakes and lots of tasty treats.
We ate our fill and then some more, every bite was extra good.
Then it was back on watch where thoughts of home would break the festive mood.
- 3) 'Twas Christmas night. My watch was o'er. I walked the deck again.
The pilot house was all decked out with lights of red and green.
I thought about the miracle we celebrate each year.
And sang Silent Night to the wind and wave so only God could hear.

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.