

4 Periods

Baroque
Classical
Romantic
Modern



George Handel

- Baroque Composer
- Composed “Joy to the World”
- It became a carol in the Romantic Period



Franz Gruber

- Classical Composer
- Composed “Silent Night”
- Silent Night is basically the Happy Birthday of Christmas Carols, it’s the most popular song in the world and has been translated into over 100 languages



Felix Mendelssohn

- Romantic composer
- Composed “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
- Mendelssohn wrote this piece, but the lyrics were written in the Classical period by Charles Wesley



George Michael

- Modern composer
- Composed “Last Christmas”
- The song was composed in 1987, but it didn't hit #1 until 2021 in the UK



Vocabulary

- Allegro: Joyful, lively and fast

