Last Silent Noël

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My mother, Mary Helen Novak, died 3 days before Christmas in 2016; it was unexpected. My father Daniel Novak died a year later on December 26, the day after Christmas. In this piece, the opening motif is Mom calling to Dad from Heaven, to come join her; throughout the piece she continues to prod him with that starting motif. Her Christmas song is *Silent Night*. He answers her with *The First Noel*, indicating that he would like just one more Christmas with loved ones. Finally they both sleep in Heavenly Peace.

