

It Came upon the Midnight Clear


Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876), 1849; altered

Music: Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900), 1850

Tune name: CAROL

Brightly ♩ = 44-54


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1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still thru the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old,

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From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told,

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"Peace on the earth, good will to men From heav'n's all - gra - cious King."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing.
When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,

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The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

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