

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glor - ious song of
 2. Still through the clov - en skies they come with peace - ful wings un -
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered
 4. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing
 5. For lo! the days are hast - ening on, by pro - phet bards fore -

old, From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of
 - furred, And still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wear - y
 long; Be - neath the an - gel strain have rolled two thou - sand years of
 low, Who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and
 - told, When with the ev - er circ - ling years comes round the age of

gold; "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from Heaven's all gra - cious
 world; A - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on hov - ering
 wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not the love song which they
 slow, Look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the
 gold; When peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors

King." The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 wing, And ev - er over its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 bring; O hush the noise, ye men of strife and hear the an - gels sing.
 wing. O rest be - side the wear - y road, and hear the an - gels sing!
 fling, And the whole world send back the song which now the an - gels sing.