

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. Lk. 2:8-9

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clov - en skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suf - fered long;
4. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
5. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et seen of old,

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;
Be - neath the an - gel strain have rolled Two thou - sand years of wrong;
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told

"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,
And man, at war with man, hears not The love - song which they bring;
Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing.
When Christ shall come and all shall own The Prince of Peace, their King,

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.
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife And hear the an - gels sing.
Oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
And saints shall meet Him in the air, And with the an - gels sing.