

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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Key - Ab | Tempo - 120 | Time - 6/8

VERSE 1

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
It came up - on the mid - night clear
4 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
That glorious song of old
1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
From angels bending near the earth
4 **5⁷** **1**
To touch their harps of gold

3 **6m/1** **3** **6m**
Peace on the earth good will to men
5/2 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
From heaven's all - gracious King
1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
The world in solemn still - ness lay
4 **5⁷** **1**
To hear the angels sing

VERSE 2

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
Still thro' the cloven skies they come
4 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
With peaceful wings un - furled
1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
And still their heavenly mus - ic floats
4 **5⁷** **1**
O'er all the weary world

3 **6m/1** **3** **6m**
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains
5/2 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
They bend on hovering wing
1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
And ever o'er its Ba - bel sounds
4 **5⁷** **1**
The blessed angels sing

VERSE 3

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
And ye be - neath life's crush - ing load

4 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
Whose forms are bending low

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way

4 **5⁷** **1**
With painful steps and slow

3 **6m/1** **3** **6m**
Look now for glad and gold - en hours

5/2 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
Come swiftly on the wing

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
O rest be - side the wea - ry road

4 **5⁷** **1**
And hear the angels sing

VERSE 4

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
For lo the days are hast - ning on

4 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
By prophet bards fore - told

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
When with the ever - circl - ing years

4 **5⁷** **1**
Comes round the age of gold

3 **6m/1** **3** **6m**
When peace shall over all the earth

5/2 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
Its ancient splendors fling

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
And the whole world give back the song

1 **5⁷** **1**
Which now the angels sing

VERSE 5

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
Yet with the woes of sin and strife

4 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
The world has suffered long

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
Be - neath the angel strain have rolled

4 **5⁷** **1**
Two thousand years of wrong

3 **6m/1** **3** **6m**
And man at war with man hears not

5/2 **2⁷** **5** **5⁷**
The love song which they bring

1 **4/1** **1** **5⁷/7** **1**
O hush the noise ye men of strife

4 **5⁷** **1**
And hear the angels sing

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