

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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



VERSE 1

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
It came up - on the mid - night clear

C A⁷ D D⁷
That glorious song of old

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
From angels bending near the earth

C D⁷ G
To touch their harps of gold

B Em/G B Em
Peace on the earth good will to men

D/A A⁷ D D⁷
From heaven's all - gracious King

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
The world in solemn still - ness lay

C D⁷ G
To hear the angels sing

VERSE 2

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
Still thro' the cloven skies they come

C A⁷ D D⁷
With peaceful wings un - furled

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
And still their heavenly mus - ic floats

C D⁷ G
O'er all the weary world

B Em/G B Em
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains

D/A A⁷ D D⁷
They bend on hovering wing

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
And ever o'er its Ba - bel sounds

C D⁷ G
The blessed angels sing

VERSE 3

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
And ye be - neath life's crush - ing load

C A⁷ D D⁷
Whose forms are bending low

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way

C D⁷ G
With painful steps and slow

B Em/G B Em
Look now for glad and gold - en hours

D/A A⁷ D D⁷
Come swiftly on the wing

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
O rest be - side the wea - ry road

C D⁷ G
And hear the angels sing

VERSE 4

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
For lo the days are hast - ning on

C A⁷ D D⁷
By prophet bards fore - told

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
When with the ever - circl - ing years

C D⁷ G
Comes round the age of gold

B Em/G B Em
When peace shall over all the earth

D/A A⁷ D D⁷
Its ancient splendors fling

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
And the whole world give back the song

G D⁷ G
Which now the angels sing

VERSE 5

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
Yet with the woes of sin and strife

C A⁷ D D⁷
The world has suffered long

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
Be - neath the angel strain have rolled

C D⁷ G
Two thousand years of wrong

B Em/G B Em
And man at war with man hears not

D/A A⁷ D D⁷
The love song which they bring

G C/G G D⁷/F# G
O hush the noise ye men of strife

C D⁷ G
And hear the angels sing

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