

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Words by
Edmund Hamilton Sears

Music by
Richard Storrs Willis

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score consists of four stanzas of lyrics with corresponding chords above the melody line. The chords are: G, C/G, G, D⁷/F♯ G, C, A⁷ (stanza 1); D, D⁷, G, C/G, G, D⁷/F♯ G, C, D⁷, G (stanza 2); B, Em/G, B, Em, D/A, A⁷, D, D⁷ (stanza 3); and G, C/G, G, D⁷/F♯ G, C, D⁷, G (stanza 4). The music is in common time, key signature is one sharp (F#), and the vocal range is soprano.

1. It came up - on ____ the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song ____ of
 2. Still thro' the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings ____ un -
 3. And ye, be -neath ____ life's crush - ing load, whose forms ____ are bend - ing
 4. For lo, the days ____ are hast'n - ing on, by proph - et bards ____ fore -
 5. Yet with the woes ____ of sin and strife, the world ____ has suf - fered

old. ____ From an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps ____ of gold: ____ "Peace
 -furled, ____ and still their heav - en - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world; ____ A -
 low. ____ Who toil a - long - the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps ____ and slow. ____ Look
 -told, ____ when with the ev - er cir - cling years comes round the age ____ of gold; ____ When
 long; ____ Be -neath the an - gel strain have rolled two thou - sand years ____ of wrong; ____ And

on the earth, ____ good - will to men, from heaven's ____ all - gra - cious King": ____ The
 -bove its sad ____ and low - ly plains, they bend ____ on hov - er - ing wing: ____ And
 now! For glad ____ and gold - en hours come swift - ly on ____ the wing: ____ O
 peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling, ____ and
 man, at war ____ with man hears not the love ____ song which ____ they bring; ____ O

world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing. ____
 ev - er o'er ____ its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing. ____
 rest be - side ____ the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing. ____
 the whole world ____ give back the song which now the an - gels sing. ____
 hush the noise, ____ ye men of strife and hear the an - gels sing. ____