

## It came upon the midnight clear.

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It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glor - ious song of old, from  
Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled; And  
Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long; be -  
For lo! the days are hast - ening on, by pro - phet bards for - told, when

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an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold; "Peace  
still their heav - enly mu - sic floats o'er all the wear - ry world; a -  
neath the an - gel strain have rolled two - thou - sand years of wrong; And  
with the ev - er cir - cling years comes round the age of gold; When

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on the earth good - will to men, from heav'n's all gra - cious King!" The  
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; O  
peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient slen - dours flings, and

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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.  
hush the noise, ye men of strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.