
IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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It came upon the midnight clear.

Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876)

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1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glor-ious song of old, from
2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled; and
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long; be-
4. 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 heavenly 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 heaven'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-lemn 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.