

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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Key - E

Tempo - 120 | Time - 6/8

VERSE 1

E A/E E B7/D# E
It came up - on the mid - night clear

A F#7 B B7
That glorious song of old
E A/E E B7/D# E
From angels bending near the earth
A B7 E
To touch their harps of gold

G# C#m/E G# C#m
Peace on the earth good will to men
B/F# F#7 B B7
From heaven's all - gracious King
E A/E E B7/D# E
The world in solemn still - ness lay
A B7 E
To hear the angels sing

VERSE 2

E A/E E B7/D# E
Still thro' the cloven skies they come
A F#7 B B7

With peaceful wings un - furled
E A/E E B7/D# E
And still their heavenly mus - ic floats
A B7 E
O'er all the weary world

G# C#m/E G# C#m
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains
B/F# F#7 B B7
They bend on hovering wing
E A/E E B7/D# E
And ever o'er its Ba - bel sounds
A B7 E
The blessed angels sing

VERSE 3

E A/E E B7/D# E
And ye be - neath life's crush - ing load

A F#7 B B7
Whose forms are bending low

E A/E E B7/D# E
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way

A B7 E
With painful steps and slow

G# C#m/E G# C#m
Look now for glad and gold - en hours

B/F# F#7 B B7
Come swiftly on the wing

E A/E E B7/D# E
O rest be - side the wea - ry road

A B7 E
And hear the angels sing

VERSE 4

E A/E E B7/D# E
For lo the days are hast - ning on

A F#7 B B7
By prophet bards fore - told

E A/E E B7/D# E
When with the ever - circl - ing years

A B7 E
Comes round the age of gold

G# C#m/E G# C#m
When peace shall over all the earth

B/F# F#7 B B7
Its ancient splendors fling

E A/E E B7/D# E
And the whole world give back the song

E B7 E
Which now the angels sing

VERSE 5

E A/E E B7/D# E
Yet with the woes of sin and strife
A F#7 B B7
The world has suffered long
E A/E E B7/D# E
Be - neath the angel strain have rolled
A B7 E
Two thousand years of wrong

G# C#m/E G# C#m
And man at war with man hears not
B/F# F#7 B B7
The love song which they bring
E A/E E B7/D# E
O hush the noise ye men of strife
A B7 E
And hear the angels sing