

18. IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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Traditional English tune
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In moderate time ♩ = 92

SOPRANO
ALTO



1. It— came up - on the— mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven— skies they come, With peace-ful wings un-furled;

TENOR
BASS

Musical notation for the Soprano and Alto parts, second system. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To — touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er — all — the wea - ry world;

Musical notation for the Tenor and Bass parts, second system. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).Musical notation for the Soprano and Alto parts, third system. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

'Peace on the earth, good - will to men, From heav'n's all - grac - ious King!
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on ho - v'ring wing;

Musical notation for the Tenor and Bass parts, third system. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).Musical notation for the Soprano and Alto parts, fourth system. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

The world in so - lem - n still - ness lay To — hear the an - gels sing.
And e - ver o'er its — Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.

Musical notation for the Tenor and Bass parts, fourth system. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.