# It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

🎵 sing along



## 1 Listen and sing.

**VERSE 1**

It came upon the **midnight** clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their **harps** of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn **stillness** lay,
To hear the angels sing.

**VERSE 2**

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful **wings** unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
*O'er* all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever *o'er* its Babel-sounds
The blessed angels sing.

## 2 Look at these words from the song.



**midnight**

Midnight is twelve at night.

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**harps**

Angels play harps in pictures.

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**stillness**

I love the stillness of the night.



**wings**

Birds have wings.

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✏️ listen and write: easy



## 1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

angels | earth | gold | King | midnight | peace | sing | song

**VERSE 1**

It came upon the _____ clear,

That glorious _____ of old,

From _____ bending near the _____,

To touch their harps of _____:

"_____ on the earth, good will to men,

From heaven's all-gracious _____."

The world in solemn stillness lay,

To hear the angels _____.

## 2 Look and write.



It is _____.



I like this _____.



We all want _____.



The ring is _____.

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✏️ listen and write: harder



## 1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

It came upon the midnight clear,

That _____ song of old,

From angels _____ near the earth,

To touch their _____ of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good _____ to men,

From heaven's all- _____ King."

The world in _____ _____ lay,

To hear the angels sing.

VERSE 2

Still through the _____ skies they come

With peaceful _____ unfurled,

And still their heavenly music _____

*O'er* all the _____ world;

Above its sad and _____ plains,

They bend on _____ wing,

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The blessed angels sing.

## 2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | song of old | ☐ |
| 2 | bending near the earth | ☐ |
| 3 | in solemn stillness | ☐ |
| 4 | the cloven skies | ☐ |
| 5 | all the weary world | ☐ |

TODAY

| | |
|---|---|
| A | the open sky |
| B | very quiet and serious |
| C | the whole tired world |
| D | coming down close to the earth |
| E | an old song from long ago |

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💬 from the song to real life

## 1 Read. Cover one side and say the other.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

| IN THE SONG | | YOU CAN SAY TODAY |
|---|---|---|
| 1 |  the midnight clear | It's so clear tonight. |
| 2 | 🤫 solemn stillness | The room was completely still. |
| 3 | 😩 the weary world | I'm so tired after this trip. |
| 4 | 🕊️ Peace on the earth | I hope for peace in the world. |
| 5 | 🎵 To hear the angels sing | I came here to hear the music. |

## 2 And you? Write two true sentences.

**At midnight I am usually … . I feel tired when … .**

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📖 the story behind the song



## 1 Read the story of this song.

**Edmund Sears**, a pastor in Massachusetts, wrote this hymn in **1849**, in a time of war and trouble.

In America, people sing it to a tune by **Richard Storrs Willis** from 1850. This hymn talks about peace on earth. It does not talk about Mary or the manger.

## 2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



**the angels**

The angels bring good news.



**peace**

Peace means no more war.

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**midnight**

Midnight is twelve o'clock at night.

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**the tired world**

The tired world needs peace.

## 3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:14 (KING JAMES VERSION)

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."*

**In simple words:** Glory to God, and peace on earth.

## 4 Fill in the sentences.

1 Edmund Sears was a _____.

2 He wrote the hymn in a time of _____.

3 The song talks about _____.

4 Midnight is at _____.