

44. It came upon the midnight clear

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English traditional melody
adapted by ARTHUR SULLIVAN
(1842-1900)

V. 4 arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

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;
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suf - fered long;

TENOR
BASS



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;
Be - neath the an - gel - strain have rolled Two thou - sand years of wrong;

'Peace on the earth, good - will to men, From heav'n's all - gra - cious King!
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on ho - v'ring wing;
And man, at war with man, hears not The love - song which they bring:

The world in so - lemn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the an - gels sing!

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DESCANT (SOPRANOS)

ALL OTHER VOICES

ORGAN

f

4. For — lo! the days are

f

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f

Ped.

has - tening on, By pro - phets fore - told,

has - tening on, By pro - phet - bards fore - told, When,

When, — with the years Comes round the age of

with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of

mf

gold; When peace shall o'er the earth Its

mf

gold; When peace shall ov - er all the earth Its

mf

Man.

f cresc.

an - cient splen - dours fling, And

f cresc.

an - cient splen - dours fling, And the whole world give —

f cresc.

Ped.

the whole world Shall — hear the an - gels sing.

back the song Which now — the an - gels sing.

Tuba