It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, And still 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.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1819-1876) Music: Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

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Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel Shall come to thee, Oh Israel.

Oh come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; The captives from their prison free And conquer death's deep misery.

Oh come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind From dust thou brought us forth to life Deliver us from earthly strife.

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