199 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace... Luke 2:14 RICHARD S. WILLIS EDMUND H. SEARS 1. It came up - on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of 2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled, 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing 4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et seen of old. 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: Who toil a - long the climb-ing way With pain-ful steps and slow, When, with the ev - er - cir-cling years, Shall come the time fore told, "Peace on the earth, good-will to men, From heav'n's all-gra - cious King": The A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-ering wing: Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift-ly on the wing: When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King, And sol - emn still - ness lay To world in hear the an - gels sing. ev o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing. rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing. the whole world send back the song Which now an - gels sing.