

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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Sostenuto ♩ = 44

mp

7 *Sopranos* *ten.*
mp It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of

7 *ten.*

12 *p*
old, From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace

12 *Altos* *p*

12 *p*

1. cloven = pp. of cleave: to cut, divide, or pass through.
2. babel = a confusion of many different sounds, noise.

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17 *cresc.* *mf* *mp*

on the earth, good will to men From heav'n's all-gra-cious King." — The world in sol-emn

cresc. *mf* *mp*

17 *cresc.* *mf* *mp*

22

still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.

mf Still

22

28 *p*

oo —

thru the clo-ven¹ skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled, And

28

32

oo _____ A - bove it's

still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world. _____ A - bove it's sad _____ and

37

low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing, _____ And ev - er o'er its ba - bel² sounds The

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42

bless - ed an - gels sing.

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mf

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46 *p*

mm _____ oo _____

oo _____

49 *f*

(oo) For lo! the days are has-t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old, _____ When

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54

with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time for - told, _____ When the new heav'n and

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54

59

earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King, and

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mp

62

the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

62

rit.

66

The bless - ed an - gels sing!

The bless - ed an - gels sing!

66

rit.