

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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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 thro' 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.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low;
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow.
Look now! for glad and golden hours, come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

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

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; ⁴³ and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, ⁴⁴ but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. ⁴⁶ Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸ When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. ⁵¹ And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

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Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night;
Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.

(Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo above the earth;
Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed the Savior's birth.

(Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.

(Refrain)