

# IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR: OTEN Easy Music

LYRICS: Edmund H. Sears, 1849. MUSIC: Richard S. Willis

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3/4 time (pu = 1 )

using **OTEN** EASY Music Notation Method

TEMPO: 120 BPM

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VERSES		Osborne TExt-Based Notation (OTEN) -- see website tab for full explanation										
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	

chord **G** **G** It  
**Pre-Verse 1**  vD  
*melody*

chord <b>G</b>			<b>Am</b>			<b>G</b>			<b>G</b>		
1a	came	up-	on.....	a	mid-	night	clear,	that			
<i>melody</i>	^B	vF#	A G	E	vD	E	D	D			
chord <b>C</b>			<b>A7</b>			<b>D</b>					
1b	glo- ri-	ous	song.....	of	old,			from			
<i>melody</i>	E F#	G	G A	^B	A			vD			
chord <b>G</b>			<b>Am</b>			<b>G</b>			<b>G</b>		
1c	an-	gels	bend.....-	ing	near	the	earth	to			
<i>melody</i>	^B	vF#	A G	E	vD	E	D	D			
chord <b>C</b>			<b>D</b>			<b>G</b>					<b>( G )</b>
1d	touch	their	harps.....	of	gold.			"PEACE			
<i>melody</i>	E	E	F# E	D	^G			^ B			

1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
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chord **B** **Em**  
1e on the earth..... Good Will to men, from  
*melody* ^B vB B ..... C# Eb E F# G ^B

chord **D** **A7** **D**  
1f Heav- ens' all gra-..... cious King!" The  
*melody* A G F# E F# E vD D

chord **G** **Am** **G** **G**  
1g world in sol-..... emn still- ness lay to  
*melody* ^B F# A G E vD E D D

chord **C** **D** **G**  
1h hear the an-..... gels sing!  
*melody* E E F# ... E D ^G ( Verse 2 )  
vD

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## VERSE 1

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.

## VERSE 2

Still through 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 over its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

## VERSE 3

Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong;  
    And man, at war with man, **hears not**  
    **The love-song which they bring.**  
O hush the noise! ye men of strife – And hear the angels sing!

## VERSE 4

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!

## VERSE 5

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet-bards foretold,  
When with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold.  
    When peace shall over all the earth  
    Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

### **ZECHARIAH 2: 10-11 Prophecy Words of God:**

“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and  
**I will dwell in your midst,” says the LORD.**

Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people.

**And I will dwell in your midst.**

Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.”