

APPLICATION

Are you a peacemaker?

Are you proclaiming the Savior's birth?



St. Paul's Notes

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

HISTORY

Author:

Music:

*“And there were shepherds living out in the field nearby,
keeping watch over their flocks at night.
An angel of the Lord appeared to them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around them:
and they were terrified.
But the angel said unto them,
‘Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy,
that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you:
he is Christ the Lord.”*

Luke 2:8-11

MEANING

**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, goodwill to men
From heavens all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

Reflection:

**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 o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.**

Reflection:

**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.**

Reflection:

**For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace, their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

Reflection: