It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

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

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 plain They bend on hovering wing And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing

For lo, the days are hastening on
That prophets bard foretold
When with the ever circling years
Shall come to a time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendor bring
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing
It came upon the midnight clear