It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymns (1985), no. 207 · Key of B♭ major · 6/8

Chords: B♭ C7 Dm7 F Cm7 Dm D Gm

VERSE 1

B♭ C7 Dm7 F
It came upon the midnight clear, That glo-rious song of old,

B♭ Cm7 B♭
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:

Dm D Gm B♭ C7 F
“Peace on the earth, good will to men From heav’n’s all-gra-cious King.”

B♭ Cm7 B♭
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the an-gels sing.

VERSE 2

B♭ C7 Dm7 F
Still thru the cloven skies they come With peace-ful wings un- furled,

B♭ Cm7 B♭
And still their heav’nly music floats O’er all the wea-ry world.

Dm D Gm B♭ C7 F
A- bove its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,

B♭ Cm7 B♭
And ever o’er its babel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.

VERSE 3

B♭ C7 Dm7 F
For lo! the days are hast’ning on, By proph-ets seen of old,

B♭ Cm7 B♭
When with the evercircling years Shall come the time fore-told,

Dm D Gm B♭ C7 F
When the new heav’n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,

B♭ Cm7 B♭
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an-gels sing.

Chords worked out from the hymnbook’s four-part harmony. Chords change above the word where they change; play the same chord until the next one.