

# It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

R. S. Willis, 1819-1900

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

E. H. Sears, 1810-76, *alt.*

(Soprano/Tenor and/or Instrument)

Descant

4. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et seen of old,

Soprano  
Alto

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et seen of old,

Tenor  
Bass

Organ

Ped.

When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;  
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,  
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told

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