

# 44. It came upon the midnight clear


Words by  
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(1810-76)

English traditional melody  
adapted by ARTHUR SULLIVAN  
(1842-1900)

V. 4 arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS



In moderate time ( $\text{♩} = 92$ )

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. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suf - fered long;



TENOR  
BASS


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;  
Be - neath the an - gel - strain have rolled Two thou - sand years of wrong;

'Peace on the earth, good - will to men, From heav'n's all - gra - cious King!  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on ho - v'ring wing;  
And man, at war with man, hears not The love - song which they bring:

The world in so - lemn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the an - gels sing!

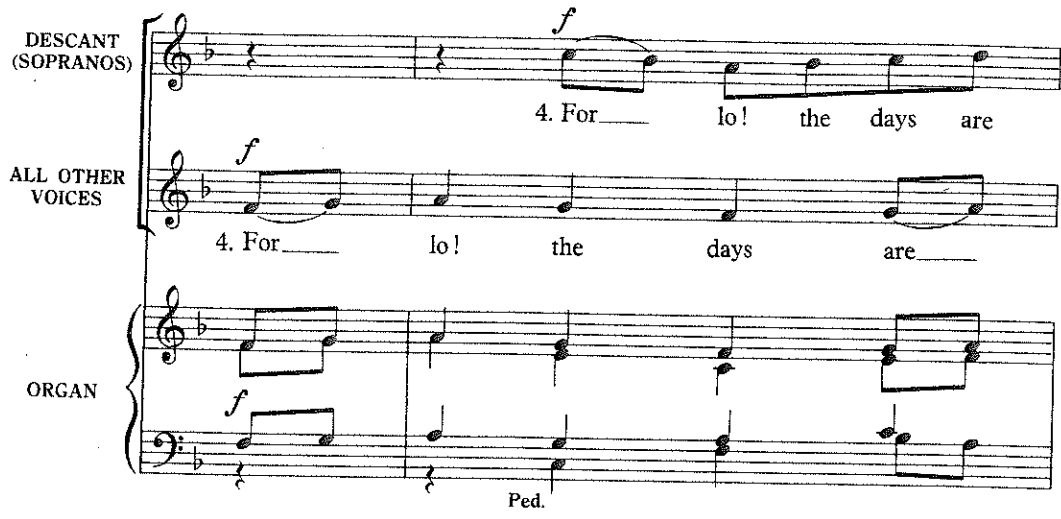


Also available separately (*Six Christmas Hymns* arr. David Willcocks)

DESCANT (SOPRANOS) *f*  
4. For lo! the days are

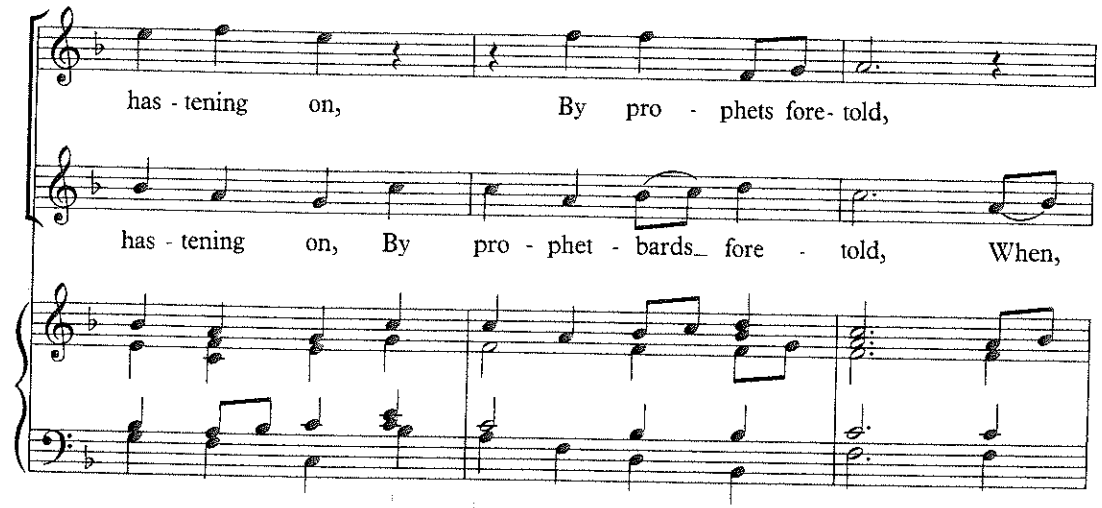
ALL OTHER VOICES *f*  
4. For lo! the days are

ORGAN *f*  
Ped.



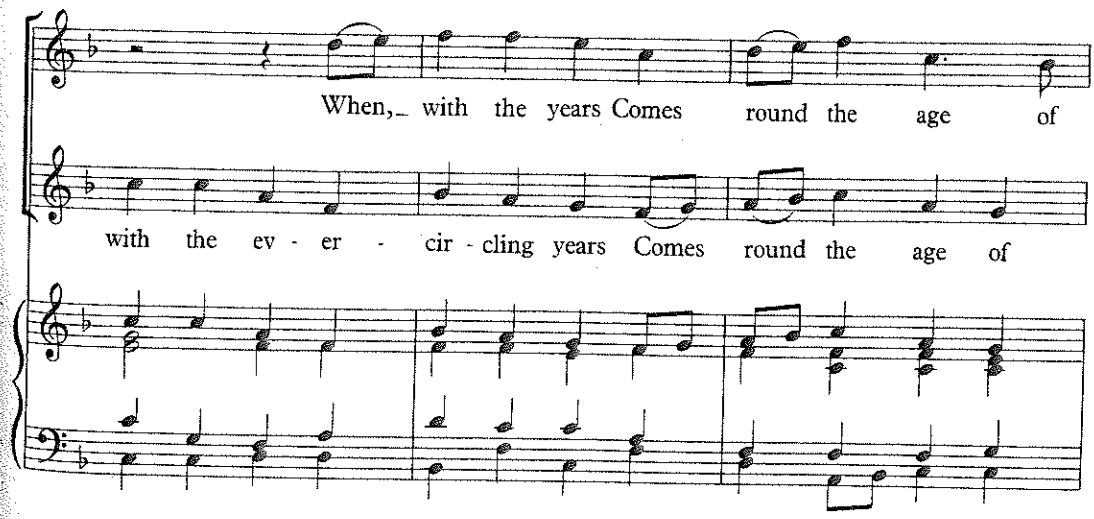
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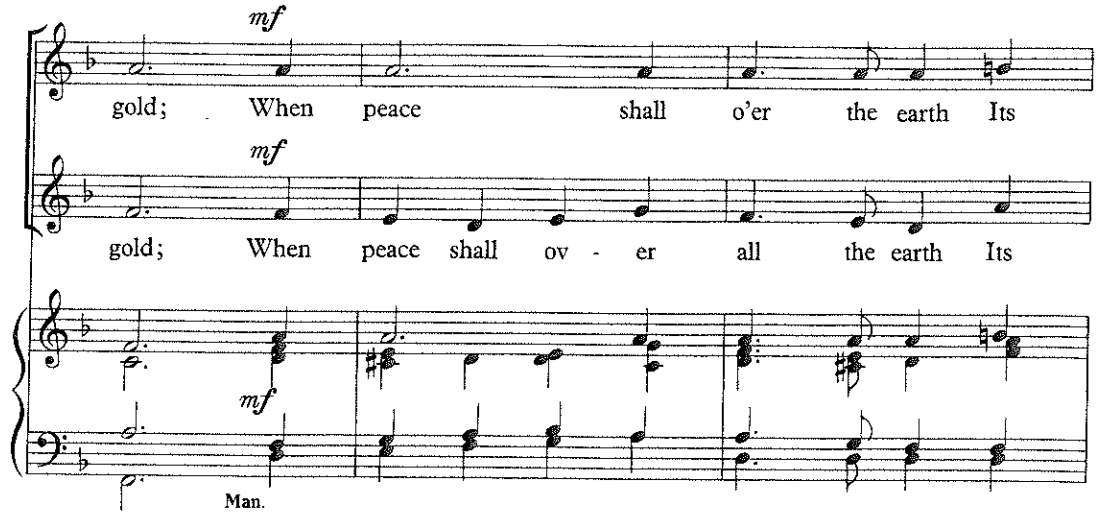
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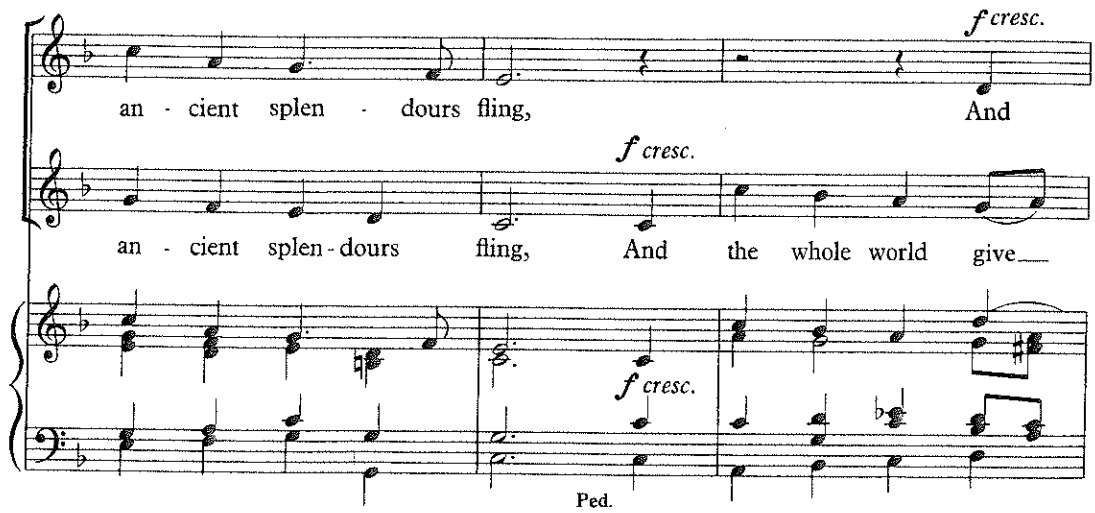
*mf*  
gold; When peace shall o'er the earth Its  
*mf*  
gold; When peace shall ov - er all the earth Its

*mf*  
Man.



an - cient splen - dours fling, *f cresc.* And  
an - cient splen - dours fling, *f cresc.* And the whole world give—

*f cresc.*  
Ped.



the whole world Shall hear the an - gels sing.  
back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Tuba

