

10. It came upon the midnight clear

(‘Millenium Carol’)

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Allegretto amabile ♩ = 112

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves are labeled Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The fifth staff, labeled 'Keyboard reduction', provides harmonic support. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts sing 'Gloria, sing gloria!' in three-measure phrases, followed by a four-measure phrase where the bass part sings 'gloria!'. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained chords.

The continuation of the musical score begins at measure 5. The vocal parts sing 'Gloria, sing gloria in ex - cel - sis De - - -' in three-measure phrases. The bass part continues its 'gloria!' phrase. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained chords.

This music was intended for a carol marking the new millennium, which explains both the title and the musical quotation from 'Auld Lang Syne'. However, it remained unfinished until 2010, when I fitted it to the present words.

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Soprano (S) *mf grazioso*
 o! 1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That —

Alto (A) *mf grazioso*
 o! 1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That

Tenor (T) *mf grazioso*
 o! 1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That

Bass (B) *mf grazioso*
 o! 1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That —

Chorus (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) *mf grazioso*

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Soprano (S)
 glo - rious song of old, From an - gels ben - ding

Alto (A)
 glo - rious song of old, From an - gels ben - ding —

Tenor (T)
 glo - rious song of old, From an - gels ben - ding

Bass (B)
 glo - rious song of old, From an - gels ben - ding

Chorus (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass)

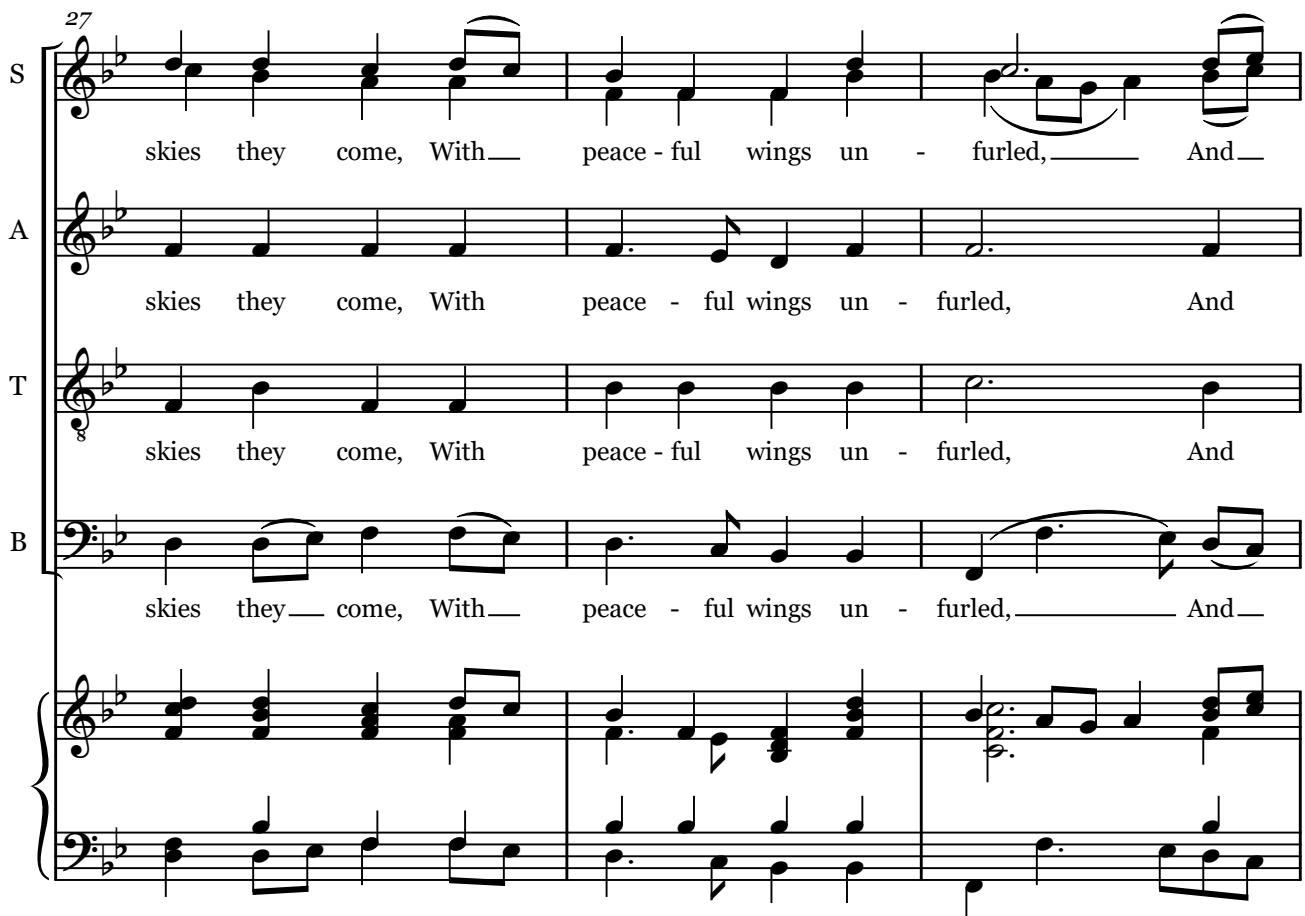
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S skies they come, With— peace - ful wings un - furled, And—

A skies they come, With— peace - ful wings un - furled, And

T skies they come, With— peace - ful wings un - furled, And

B skies they— come, With— peace - ful wings un - furled, And—



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S still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats O'er— all the wea - ry

A still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry

T still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry

B still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry



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Soprano (S) vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line: *p* *espress.* *cresc.*

Tenor (T) vocal line: *p* *espress.* *cresc.*

Bass (B) vocal line: *p* *espress.* *cresc.*

Chorus vocal line.

Text: world: Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suf - fered —
 world: Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has —
 world: Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suf —
 world: Yet with woes — The world has suf - fered

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Alto (A) vocal line: *p* *cresc.*

Tenor (T) vocal line: *p* *cresc.*

Bass (B) vocal line: *p* *cresc.*

Chorus vocal line.

Text: long: Be - neath the an - gels' strain have rolled Two
 suf - fered long: Be - neath the an - gels' strain have rolled Two —
 long: Be - neath the an - gels' strain have__ rolled Two

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S peace shall o'er the wai - ting world Its an - cient splen - dours

A peace shall— o'er the wai - ting world Its an - cient splen - dours

T peace shall o'er the wai - ting world Its an - cient splen - dours

B peace shall o'er the wai - ting— world Its— an - cient splen - dours

Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass staves with piano accompaniment.

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S And all the world give back the
fling, — And — the — whole — world give back — the

A fling, — And — all the world give back the

T fling, — And — all the world give back — the

B fling, — And — all the world give — back — the

Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass staves with piano accompaniment.

83 now — the — an - gels sing. _____
S now the an - gels sing. _____
A allargando
T now the an - gels sing. _____
allargando
B now, which — now the an - gels sing.
allargando
now the an - gels sing. _____