



Unitarian minister Edmund Hamilton Sears wrote the words of **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** in 1849 in Lancaster, Massachusetts. His words are often sung to a tune by Arthur Sullivan (of Gilbert & Sullivan fame), but the more familiar melody was written in 1850 by Boston-born composer Richard S. Willis (1819–1900). Willis was a student of Felix Mendelssohn.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Words by Edmund H. Sears
Music by Richard S. Willis

Slowly, tenderly

mp

poco rit.

mf

a tempo

5

came up - on the mid - night clear, that

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glo - rious song of old,