

# And It Came to Pass At Midnight

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Source:

*All read the third line of each stanza in unison*

Unto God let praise be brought  
For the wonders He hath wrought—  
At the solemn hour of midnight.

All the earth was sunk in night  
When God said "Let there be light!"  
Thus the day was formed from midnight.

So was primal man redeemed  
When the light of reason gleamed  
Through the darkness of the midnight.

To the Patriarch, God revealed  
The true faith, so long concealed  
By the darkness of the midnight.

But this truth was long obscured  
By the slavery endured  
In the black Egyptian midnight.

Till the messengers of light  
Sent by God, dispelled the night,  
And it came to pass at midnight. p. 116

Then the people God had freed  
Pledged themselves His law to heed,  
And it came to pass at midnight.

When they wandered from the path  
Of the Lord, His righteous wrath  
Hurled them into darkest midnight.

But the prophets' burning word  
By repentant sinners heard  
Called them back from darkest midnight.

God a second time decreed  
That His people should be freed  
From the blackness of the midnight.

Songs of praise to God ascend,  
Festive lights their glory lend  
To illuminate the midnight.

Soon the night of exile falls  
And within the Ghetto walls  
Israel groans in dreary midnight.

Anxiously with God they plead,  
Who still trust His help in need,  
In the darkest hour of midnight.

And He hears their piteous cry.  
"Wait! be strong, My help is nigh,  
Soon 'twill pass—the long-drawn midnight.

"Tenderly I cherished you  
For a service great and true;  
When 'tis past—the long-drawn midnight." p. 117

O, Thou Guardian of the Right,  
Lead us onward to the light

From the darkness of the midnight.

Father, let the day appear  
When all men Thy name revere  
And Thy light dispels the midnight.

When no longer shall the foe  
From th' oppressed wring cries of woe  
In the darkness of the midnight.

But Thy love all hearts shall sway;  
And Thy light drive gloom away,  
And to midday change the midnight.