

# What Sound Upon the Midnight Air?

SSAATB with Piano and Organ

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(Organ chimes)

$\text{♩} = 80$

Organ and piano play voice parts:

*mf* Piano *mp*

1. What  
2. What

Sub  
Red.

6 *mf* 8

10 *rit.* *a tempo* 12 *rit.* *a tempo*

14 *rit.* *f* *mf* *a tempo* 16 *rit.* *p*

sound up - on the mid - night air o'er Beth - le - hem is ring - ing? The e - cho of an  
light has rent the mid - night sky, From realms ce - les - tial spring - ing? O'er Ju - dah migh - ty

an - them fair, In ans - wer to an age - less prayer, the an - gels joy - ful  
le - gions fly, A - blaze in glo - ry from on high, Cre - a - tion trem - bles

tid - ings bear, And can - not cease from sing - ing  
at their cry,



1.

Organ chimes: *p* 18 20

Women unison: *p* Glo - ri - a, *mp* In ex - cel - cis - de - o,

Piano *pp* legato

*mf* And on the earth be peace, *mp* good will, good will t'ward men.

22 24

2.

Soprano I *p* 26 *mp* 28 *mf*

Soprano II *p* *mp*

Alto *p* *mp*

Tenor/Bass *p*

*ppp*

Glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - cis - de - o, And on the

men. (Small notes 2nd time only.) Glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - cis - de - o,

will, good will t'ward men. Glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - cis -

Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a,

30 *mp* 1. 32 2. 34

earth\_ be\_ peace, good will, good. will t'ward men. will, good will t'ward men.

*mf* *mp* And\_ on the earth be peace, good will, good will t'ward earth be peace, good will t'ward men.

*mf* *mp* *mf* de - o, And\_ on the earth be peace, Good And on earth good will t'ward men,

Glo ri-a, Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri a, Glo - ri - a.

Soprano *sub. f* 35 36

Alto Sing glo - ri - a, ye men\_ and an - gels

Tenor Sing glo - ri - a, ye men\_ and an - gels

Bass Sing glo - ri - a, sing glo - ri - a, ye men and\_ an - gels\_

Sing glo - ri - a, ye men and an - gels

*sub. f*

*f* Organ

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*rit.*

*a tempo*

40

ming - ling, A - bide in peace, good will in - crease, And\_ ne - ver cease\_ from  
 ming - - ling, A - bide in peace, good will in - crease, And\_ ne - ver cease from  
 ming - ling, A - bide in peace, good will in - crease, And\_ ne - ver cease from  
 ming ling, A - bide in peace, good will in - crease, And\_ ne - ver cease from



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- ri - a, In ex - cel - cis, in - ex - cel - - cis

Glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - cis, in - ex - cel - - cis,

Glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - cis, in - - ex - cel - - cis,

Glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - cis, in - ex - cel - - cis,

*fff rit.*

50.

in ex - cel - cis de - o.

in ex - cel - cis de - o.

in ex - cel - cis de - o.

in ex - cel - cis de - o.

*fff rit.*

*fff rit.*