

Side Notes: Edmund Sears, a pastor of a church in Massachusetts, wrote the words of the song in 1849 during a difficult time in his life. He asked Richard Willis to write the music. This is a simplified version of the arrangement from my book "A Christmas Lullaby". I adjusted several of the finger patterns and stretches so that smaller hands could easily play this version of the song. Don't be afraid of a few sharps that will show up on the 2nd page of this arrangement.

Midnight Clear

Easier Version

Peacefully

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The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The second system starts at measure 4. The third system starts at measure 8 and includes a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The fourth system starts at measure 12. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a simple accompaniment with rests and occasional notes.