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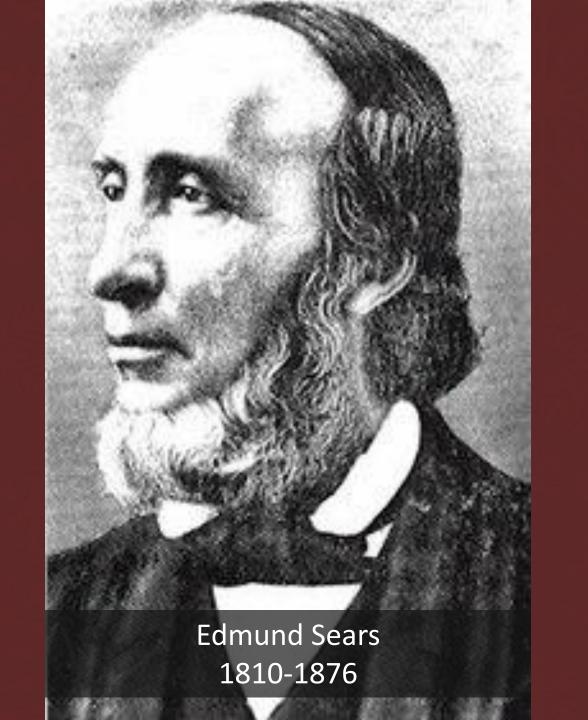
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It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world - in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.





#### Luke 2

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'





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Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long beneath the angel strain have rolled 2,000 years of wrong and man at war with man hears not the long song which they bring O hush the noise ye men of strife And hear the angels sing





# How can we turn down the volume – enough to hear the angels' song?



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Actively reflecting
Resisting complacency
... & pausing

