

UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR – CHRISTMAS 2015 OPENER

NARRATOR

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, goodwill to men From  
heavens all gracious King!" The  
world in solemn stillness lay To  
hear the angels sing.

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.

O ye beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low, Who  
toil along the climbing way With  
painful steps and slow; Look now,  
for glad and golden hours Come  
swiftly on the wing; Oh rest beside  
the weary road And hear the angels  
sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophets seen of old, When with  
the ever-circling years Shall come  
the time foretold, When the new  
heaven and earth shall own The  
Prince of Peace, their King, And the  
whole world send back the song Which  
now the angels sing.

Synopsis: Characters walking through tall grass moving towards something mysterious and grand.

Characters: Drummer Boy, Shepherd, Wise Man, Modern-time dressed Man. Modern Man (Main Character) represents humanity. Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus.

SHOTS:

FOLLOW WIDE – CHARACTER MOVING THROUGH TALL GRASS

FOLLOW CLOSE – CHARACTER MOVING THROUGH TALL GRASS

CU – HANDS OF EACH CHARACTER PUSH AWAY TALL GRASS

WIDE — EXIT TALL GRASS, LIGHT HITS THE CHARACTER ON THE RIGHT OF HIS/HER SHOULDER AND HEAD. CHARACTER LOOKS IN AWE OF WHAT THEY SEE.

We see the front of each character as they look towards the light. We see that the light is shining over the stable. We see the struggle of child birth inside the stable. Eventually we see Baby Jesus as golden light shines through the walls of the stable. End with a wide shot as the light shines down on the stable until the light overcomes the screen to transition into live band on stage.