

I MUST GO BACK

- Unison:* I must go back to Bethlehem —
- Solo 1:* Oh, I must travel far
To find again the stable beneath the gleaming star.
- Solo 2:* I must leave the crowded cities for the quiet little town
Where shepherds watch their flocks by night
And the dreaming stars smile down.
- Solo 3:* Hastening through the silent streets, along a darkened way,
I shall find again the manger where the sleeping Baby lay.
- Solo 4:* And this I know:
When I arrive, and see the Child again,
My weary heart will glow anew
With peace, good will to men.
- Sop.:* For there is peace in Bethlehem,
- Alto:* And holiness is there —
- Unison:* I must go back to find the Babe
And worship Him in prayer.

— LOUISE ABNEY

Jared (in great excitement): "Father! See! The star is shining as it did that night when you heard the angels sing —"

Voices, repeating "Glory to God." Then, softly, the chorus sings "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear." They finish singing "Glory to God," their voices fading away.

Jared: "Father! did you hear? Did YOU HEAR!"

Obed: "I heard, Jared. There will be those always who can hear the voices of the angels; who will see the great star — for every heart that beats with love, adds brightness to the star above. While there is love in the hearts of men, the star will burn in Bethlehem; through kindness we shall hear again the song of peace, good will to men!"

Curtain