

# Once Upon a Midnight

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The first system of the musical score consists of two grand staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time and the key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The music begins with a series of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The first four measures contain the main melody, and the fifth measure is a whole rest.

The second system of the musical score includes lyrics. It begins with a double bar line and a measure rest marked with a '6'. The lyrics are: "Once up - on a mid - night, in a bed of straw, / Once up - on a mid - night, wise men from a - far". The music continues with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' in the right hand. The system concludes with a final melodic phrase in the right hand and a bass line.

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lies a new-born ba - by. He is Lord of all. See the in -  
 trav-el with their cam - els. He's Em-man - u - el. Gold and myrrh

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fant sleep - ing. In a man - ger lies to a King. His star  
 and frank-in-cense, they will of - fer to a King. A star

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shines  
shines

o'er a sta - ble  
o'er the sta - ble.

in the town of Beth -  
And it leads to Beth -

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le - hem.  
le - hem.

Once up - on a

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mid-night, hea-ven's sweet re - frain. Shep-herds hear the an -

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gels sing peace, good will to men. Once up - on

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a mid - night, sweet - est sto - ry ev - er told. Once up - on a

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mid - night, Je - sus Christ is born!

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