

## 827 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 3 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 love is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 He will one day, O glo - rious grace, trans - port us to that

This "Queen of Chorales" (see no. 349 for the "King") is often associated with Epiphany because of the star imagery, but the text is really addressed to Christ as the Morning Star (Revelation 22:16), who guides and sustains us in this life and is our hope for the life to come.

you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 heav - en - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 hap - py place be - yond all tears and sin - ning! A - men!

ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For you  
 A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness! We are

bles - sing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

## 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,




vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.




Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

## 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*


O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.