

95. Kings of Orient

Words and melody by
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S. A.
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1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing

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gifts we tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain,

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moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star:

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O - star of won - der, star of night, Star with

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roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,

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still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

(Melchior)

2. Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again—
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:
O star of wonder, etc.

(Caspar)

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:
O star of wonder, etc.

(Balthazar)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:
O star of wonder, etc.

(All)

5. Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies:
O star of wonder, etc.

Verses 2, 3, and 4 may be sung by three different soloists whilst the choir accompanies, singing *Ah*.