

Melody

Three Kings of Orient

The Quest of the Magi

Rev. John Henry Hopkins Jr. (1820-1891), 1857

♩. = 60

1. We Three Kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 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:
 Heav'n sings Hal - le - lu - jah: Hal - le - lu - jah the earth re - plies:

1.-5. 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.

Solo parts:

2. (Gaspard)

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
 Gold I bring, to crown Him again,
 King forever,
 Ceasing never
 Over us all to reign.

3. (Melchior)

Frankincense to offer have I;
 Incense owns a Deity nigh:
 Prayer and praising,
 All men raising,
 Worship Him God on High.

4. (Balthazar)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
 Breathes a life of gathering gloom;—
 Sorrowing, sighing,
 Bleeding, dying,
 Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

The soli are sung by male soloists using the melody line (one octave down) while the choir accompanies by singing their respective part *quietly* on “Ah” for the verse; the refrain on words, normal volume from “Star” onwards.