The Bright and Morning Star

Congregation Hymn: O Holy Night the Stars are Brightly Shining

PreK – 2nd Grade

Revelation 22:16 I am the Bright and Morning Star.

Our bright and morning star
The Savior of us all
He seeks us near and far
To save us from our fall

Hymn (PreK – 2): Away in a Manger

K-8 Christmas Story Part 1

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:1-7)

The Bright Star

Hunter K Numbers 24:17 The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,

Preston How far can you see?

Normally on earth we can see only a few miles. A very large mountain might be seen from 40 or 50 miles. Yet, the stars shine clear even when they are 10,000 light years away.

Hunter Q The birth of Jesus shines so brightly that he could be seen thousands of years before his birth. The prophet Balaam saw him clearly 1,450 years before he was born. Even before that from the very dawn of time Adam and Eve saw his coming. Now 2,000 years later the light of his birth has not dimmed.

Reagan 1 Peter 1:10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

Colt, Brenna, Hadley Job 19:25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;

Andy Malachi 3:1 And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.

Sawyer P Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

Mari, Lilo, Haylie
The brightness of his birth
Appeared in ancient days
Still clearly seen on earth
It set our hearts ablaze

Children's Hymn: The Stars are Shining Bright and Clear

The Morning Star

Jackson 2 Peter 1:19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Hunter K The term morning star probably referred to the planet Venus. Due to its orbit between the earth and the sun, the planet Venus is most easily seen just before sunrise low in the eastern sky.

Grace After the sun and moon, Venus is the brightest natural object in the sky. It shines brightly just before the dawn. For this reason, it is often seen as a beacon of hope and joy as it proclaims the coming of the dawn.

Lizzie The birth of Jesus is our morning star. He has risen in our hearts to let us know that the night of sin and evil is at an end. Our hope is born, the night is almost over, the day is at hand.

Isabella Revelation 22:16 I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.

Remy Luke 1:76-79 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Millie, Lakely
The morning star has come
To end the night of sin
The light has overcome
Our joy can now begin

Children's Hymn: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

3-8 Christmas Story Part 2

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:8-14)

The Guiding Star

Ellie Matthew 2:2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Sophia Matthew 2:9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

Grayson Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

Wyatt God gave the wise men a star to guide them to Jesus. He has given us Jesus to guide us through our life.

Almost directly above the earth stands Polaris the north star. Because it is nearly straight above the north celestial pole it appears unmoving. All the stars of the night sky dance around Polaris, yet it remains steadfast, immovable, unchanging.

Ryker If you know how to find Polaris it can guide you. You will always know where you are going. The ancients crossed the oceans by its light.

Those who have found Jesus need never be lost. Though the clouds of our sin and doubt may obscure him, yet he still shines. His light guides us through the night and over the ocean of this life.

Lizzie Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Grace John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Sawyer P Polaris will not always be the north star. In about 12,000 years Vega will replace it. But Jesus will always remain our guiding star, now and in eternity.

Colt, Brenna, Hadley
The northern star remains
The only guide at night
And Jesus truly reigns
To fill our path with light

Children's Hymn: We Three Kings

The True Star

Haylie, Jemma John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Preston The brightest star in the night sky is Sirius. It is almost twice as bright as any other star.

Jesus shines brighter than Sirius. Nothing on earth or in heaven, in the past or in the future, can compare to the glory of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

What he did for us is the only truth that matters.

Flynn, Titus, Everett Matthew 4:16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

Andy Luke 2:32 A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.

John 1:9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

Grayson Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

K-2 John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Flynn, Titus, Everett
Behold he shines above
Upon his throne of grace
He holds us in his love
And we his truth embrace

Children's Hymn: The First Noel

6-8 Christmas Story Part 3

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. (Luke 2:15-20)

The Pure Star

Wesley, Sawyer K Malachi 4:2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings;

Remy The hottest stars are blue. The coldest stars are red. Yellow stars, like our sun, are in-between.

Even the coldest red stars give light and warmth to everything that surrounds them.

To those whom Jesus has gathered around him, he gives light, warmth and righteousness greater than the hottest star.

Reagan Psalm 85:9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.

Jeremiah 23:6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Hunter Q He has purified the wicked. He has cleansed the sinner. He has lifted the brokenhearted.

He holds the churches, his people, in his right hand. He causes their fire to burn. Their faith he sustains.

Millie, Lakely Revelation 1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Mari, Lilo Revelation 2:1 These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

Scarlett, Tim, Emilie
When we are dark and cold
He holds us in his hand
Though sin our soul enfold
Within his light we stand

Congregation Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night

The Eternal Star

Sophia Psalm 8:3-4 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

Jackson Depending on their mass stars can live anywhere from a few million to a few trillion years. Although this is a very long time, it is as nothing to our eternal savior, whose kingdom will have no end.

Isabella We are but dust before the stars, but he came to visit us. He became one of us. He walked among us. He died for us.

Ellie Psalm 147:4-5 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

Sawyer P Into his eternal kingdom he calls us.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Scarlett, Tim, Emilie Revelation 22:20-21 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Wesley, Jemma, Sawyer K
Eternal God of might
Who dwells above the stars
Remove us from the night
And make your kingdom ours

Children's Hymn:
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Wyatt Psalm 136:7-9 To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever-- The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.

Ryker Psalm 148:1-4 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

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Prayers

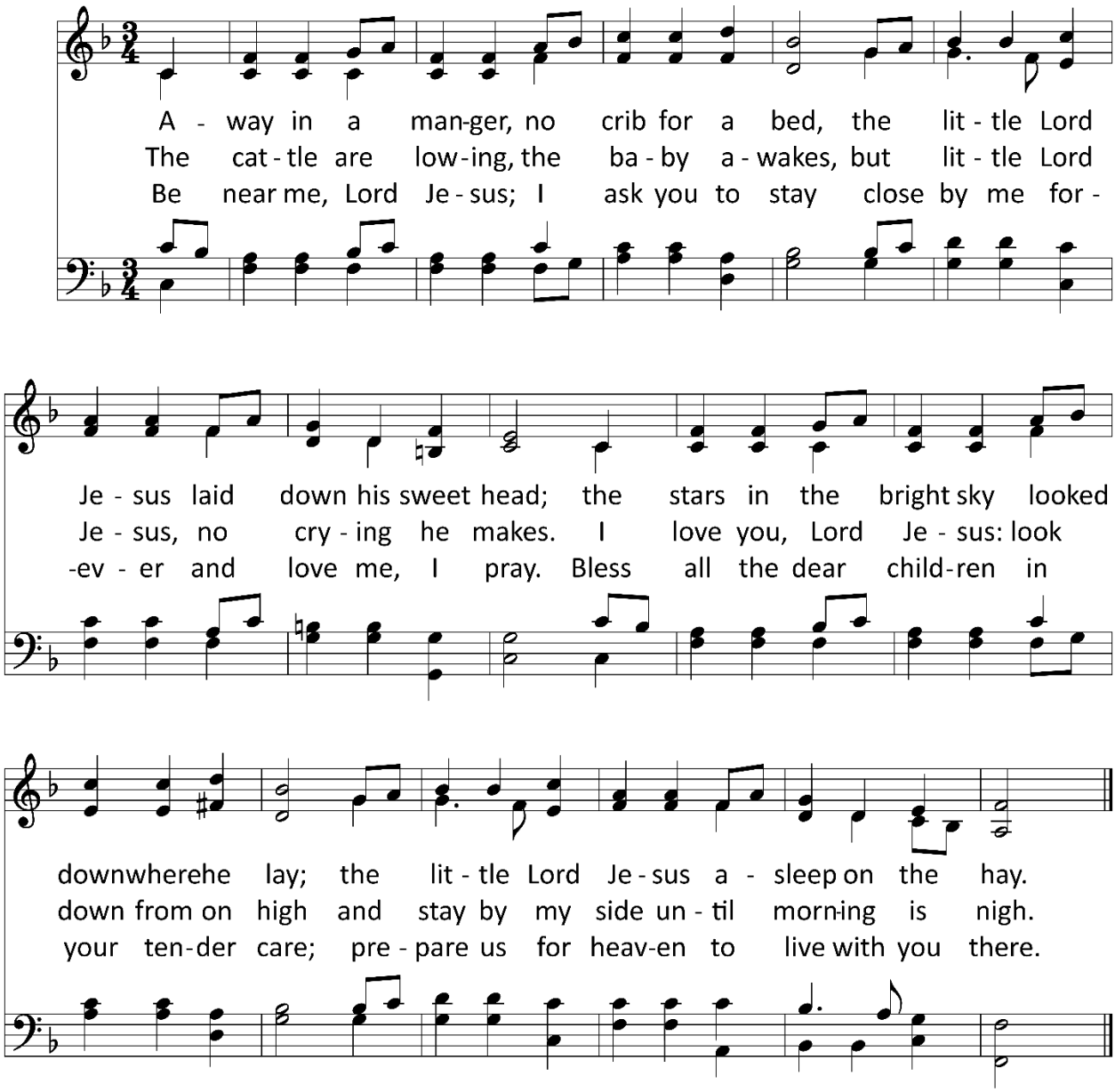
Benediction

Congregation Hymn:
Joy to the World

Away in a Manger

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Tune: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1895

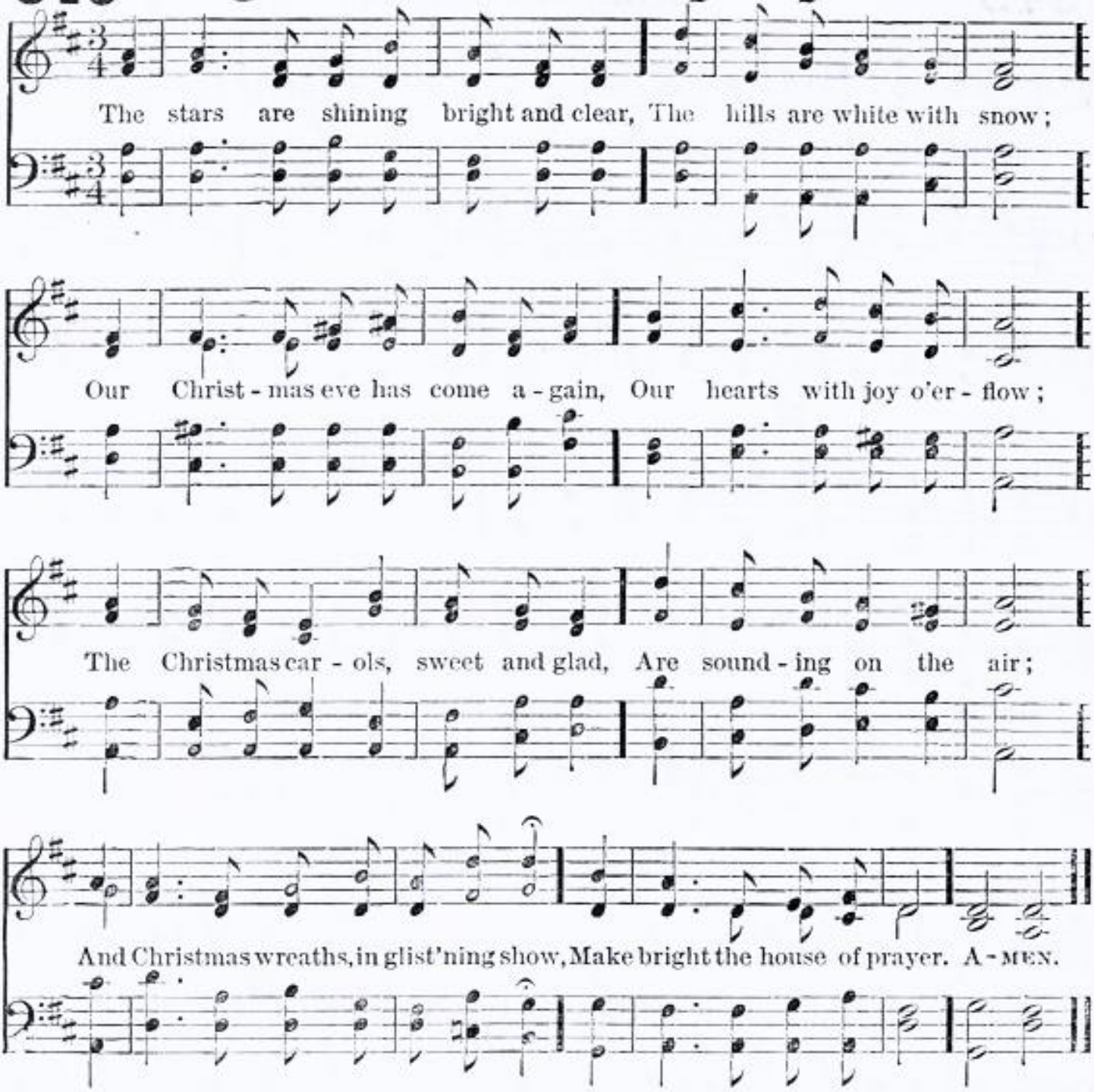
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CAROL.



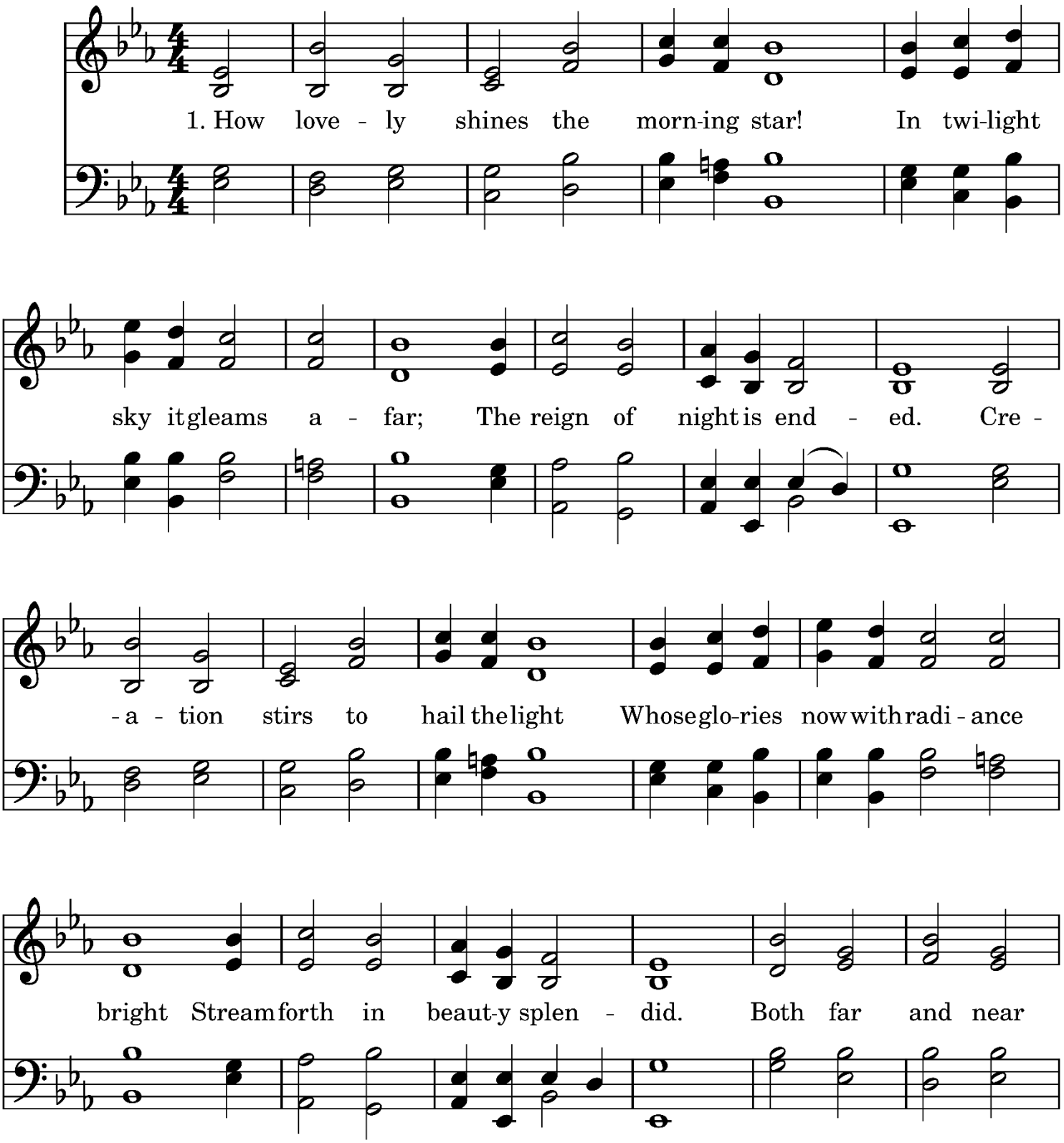
2 Not here across the snow was heard
The first sweet Christmas song:
But where the crimson lilies bloom,
Judæa's hills among:
Those hills where David long before
His father's sheep had kept;
And where, o'er Rachel's lonely tomb,
The mourning Jacob wept.

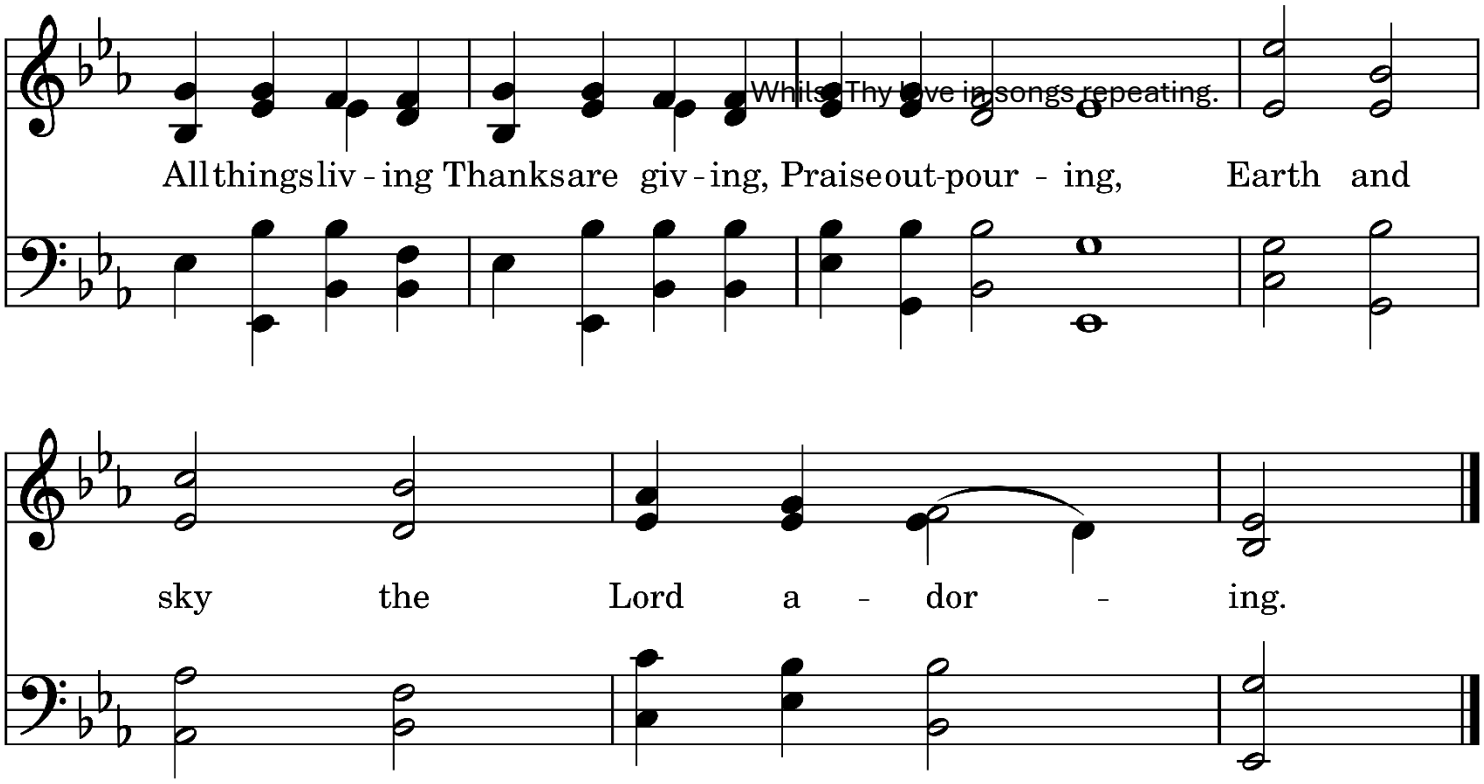
3 'Twas sung by countless multitudes
Of Angels pure and bright,
And o'er the bare and silent hills
There shone a glorious light;
Such heavenly music ne'er was heard
Before by sons of men,
And never more shall song like that
Be heard on earth again.

4 We know the tidings which they brought
Of Christ our Saviour's birth,
Their song of "Glory be to God,
Good will and peace on earth;"
And so the Christmas carol, sung
By Angels long ago,
Is sweeter than all other songs
Which Christians sing below.

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

"Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern"
Philipp Nicolai, 1599





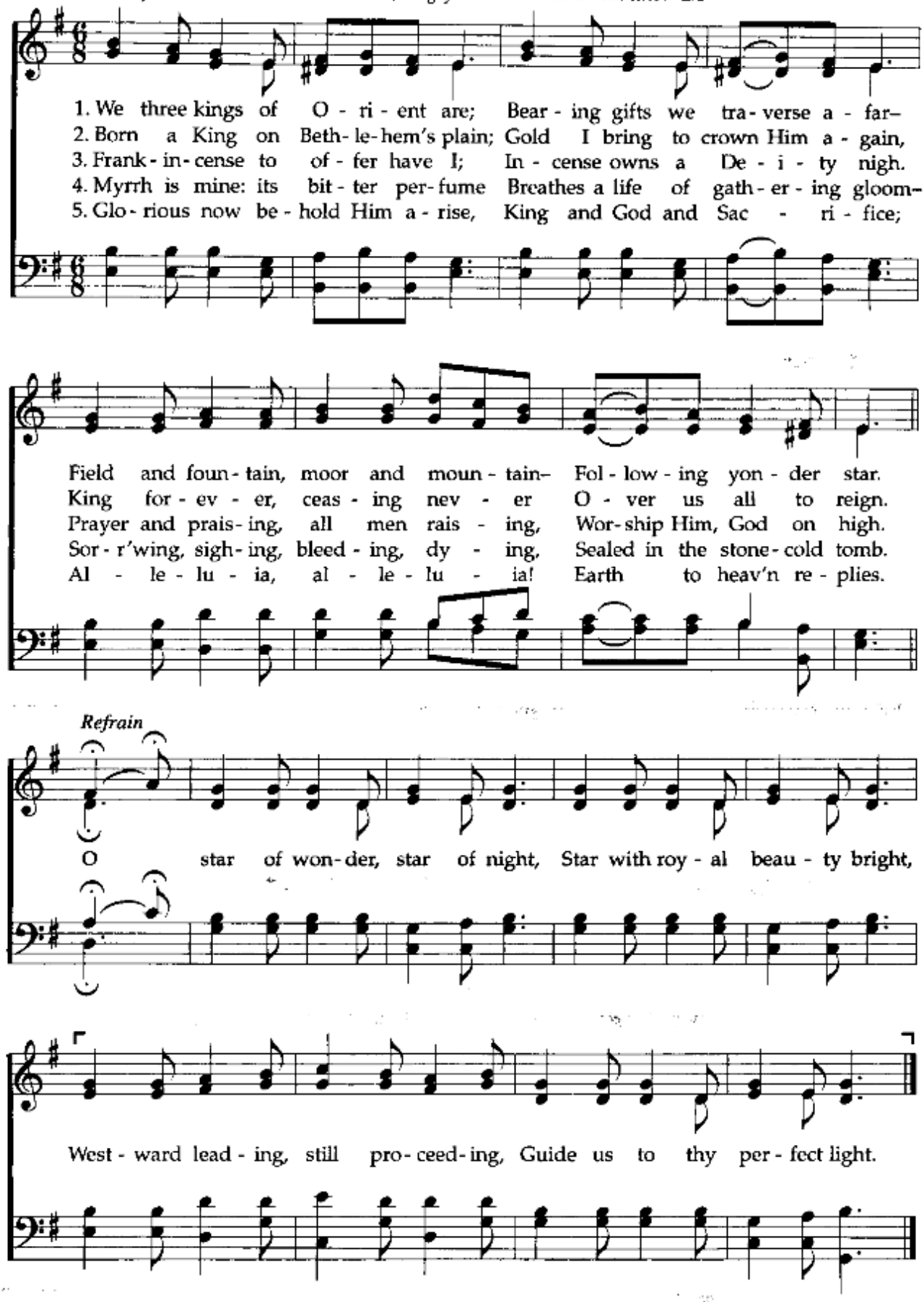
2. Pour down Thy grace in cheering streams
And warm my heart with mercy's beams
From heaven, Thy throne of beauty;
Thy Spirit ever lead and guide
That in my calling I abide
And find my joy in duty.
Send light And might
That each measure, Plan and pleasure,
Heavenward tending,
E'er in Thee may find its ending.

3. O highest joy by mortals won,
True Son of God and Mary's Son,
Thou high-born King of ages!
Thou art my heart's most beauteous
Flower,
And Thy blest Gospel's saving power
My raptured soul engages.
Thou mine, I Thine;
Sing hosanna! Heavenly manna
Tasting, eating,

4. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun
This ancient world's foundation.
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,
And when in spirit Him I see,
I joy in tribulation.
What bliss Is this!
He that liveth To me giveth
Life forever;
Nothing me from Him can sever.

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After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Magi from the east came. Matthew 2:1

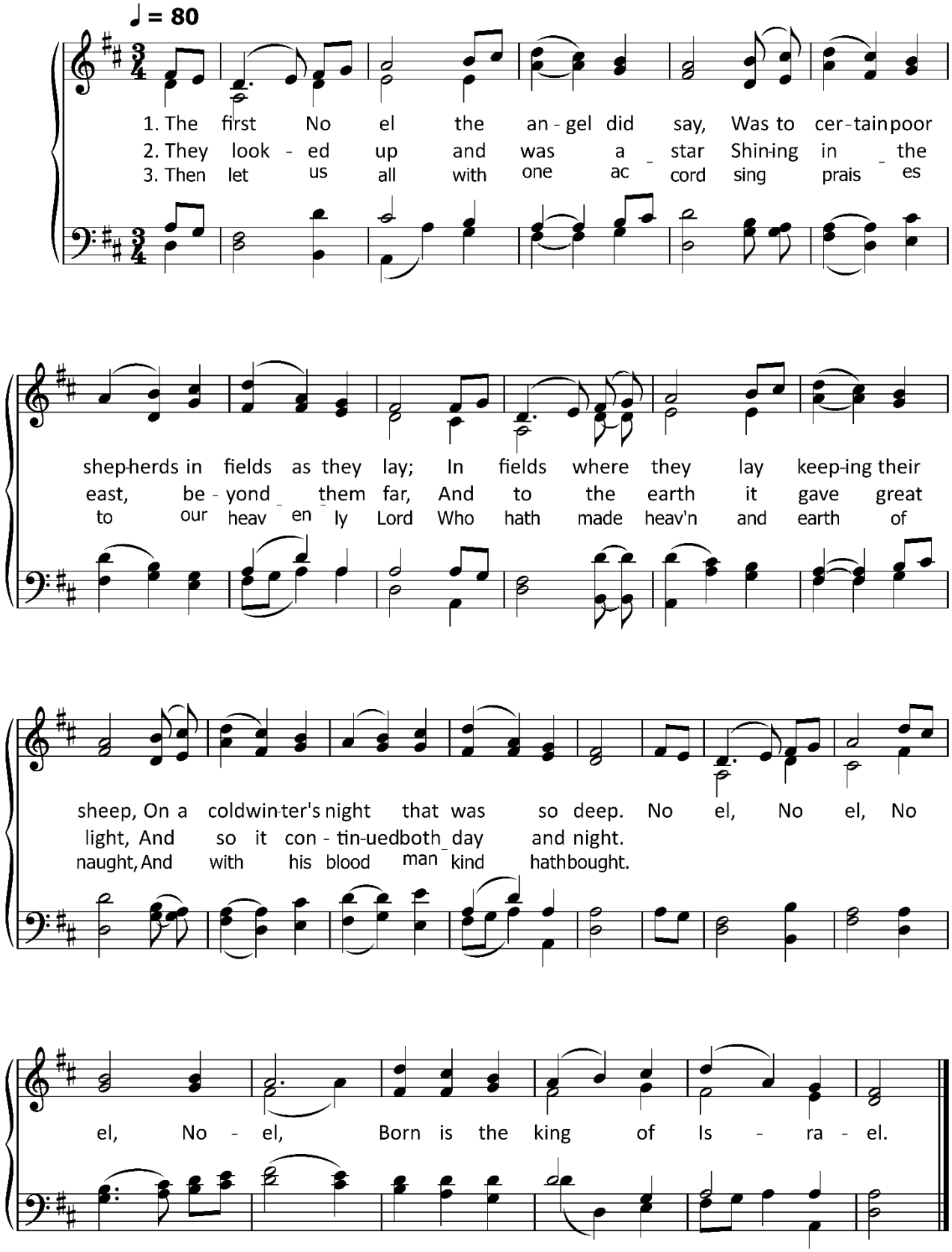


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8.8.4.4.6. with Refrain

The First Noel

Text: Traditional English Carol
Music The First Noel



O Little Town of Bethlehem

