

As with gladness men of old

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1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
3. As they of-fer'd gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-a-ted light;

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As with joy they hail'd its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down;

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So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee!
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat!
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King!
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide!
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King!