

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.