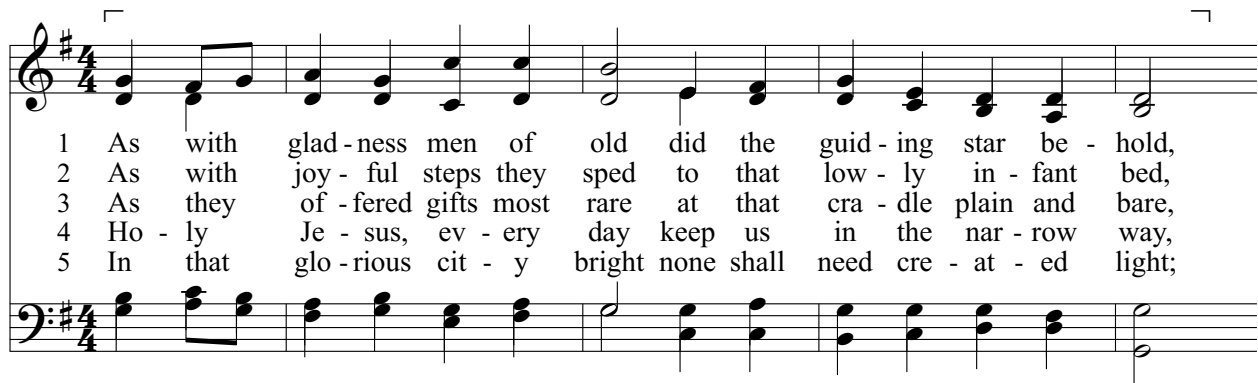


As with Gladness Men of Old



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 in - fant bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that cra - dle plain and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way,
 5 In that glo - rious cit - y bright none shall need cre - at - ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore Christ, whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when mor - tal things are past, bring our ran - somed lives at last
 you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er more your splen - dor see.
 so may we with wil - ling feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - li - est trea - sures bring, Christ, to you, our hea - venly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1860, alt.
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