

Brightest and Best

words: Reginald Heber (1738-1826), alt.

music: Star in the East
from Southern Harmony, 1835
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$\text{♩} = 180$

with a strong rhythm

Sopr. Alto

mp 1. Brigh-test and best of the stars of the mor - ning,

Bar.

with a strong rhythm

Piano

p Am2 Em4

dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid. Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a -

Am2 Em4 Em4 Am2 Am2 Em4

dor - ning, guide where our in - fant re - dee - mer is laid.

Am2 Em4 Em4 Am2 *mp*

v2
Soprano

Alto *p*
(melody) 2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shi - ning, low lies his head with the

ad lib 1/4 notes

Am2 Fmaj7 G Em Am G

beasts of the stall. An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - cli - ning, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and

Em Am Am Fmaj7 G Em Am G

r2

Sa - viour of all. *mf* Brigh - test and best of the stars of the mor - ning, dawn on our

Em Am *mf* Am Am G Am Am

dark - ness, and lend — us thine aid. Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dor - ning,

Am G G Am Em

guide where our in - fant Re - dee - mer is laid.

Am Em Em Am

v3

Alto only

mf 3. Shall we then yield him, in cost-ly de - vo - tion, o - dors of E - dom, and of - frings di - vine,
(melody)

Am G Em Am Em Am

gems of the moun-tain, and pearls of the o - cean, myrrh from the fo - rest, and gold from the

Am G Em Am Em

r3 (melody)

mine? *f* Brigh - test and best of the stars — of the mor - ning, dawn on our dark - ness, and

Am Am Am G Am Am Am

lend — us thine aid. Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dor - ning,

G G Am Em

guide where our in - fant Re - dee - mer is laid. *mp*
legato

Am Em Em Am

4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion, vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure.

Am Esus4 Em Am/C Am G G/B C Dm E7 Am F Dm6 E7/B Am/C G/B Am

Rich - er by far is the heart's a - do - ra - tion, dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

Am Esus4 Em Am/C Am G G/B C Dm E7 Am F Dm6 E7/B Am G F

r4

f
Brigh - test and best of the stars— of the mor - ning, dawn on our dark - ness, and lend— us thine

Am F G C G E7/G# Am Am7/G F C/E G/D C Dm

aid. Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dor - ning, guide where our in - fant Re - dee - mer is

G C F Am G C Am F G C G/B

mp
laid, guide where our in - fant Re - dee - - - mer is laid.

mp
Am F G Em7 Em7/B Am