

Saw You Never, in the Twilight

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The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matt. 2:9

1. Saw you nev - er, in the twi - light, when the sun had left the skies,
 2. Heard you nev - er of the sto - ry how they crossed the des - ert wild,
 3. Know ye not that low - ly ba - by was the bright and morn - ing Star?

up in heav'n the clear stars shin - ing through the gloom, like sil - ver eyes?
 jour - neyed on by plain and moun - tain, till they found the ho - ly child?
 He who came to light the Gen - tiles and the dark - ened isles a - far?

So of old the wise men, watch - ing, saw a lit - tle strang - er star,
 How they o - pened all their trea - sure, kneel - ing to that in - fant King;
 And we, too, may seek his cra - dle; there our hearts' best trea - sures bring:

and they knew the King was giv - en, and they fol - lowed it from far.
 gave the gold and fra - grant in - cense, gave the myrrh in of - fer - ing?
 love and faith and true de - vo - tion for our Sav - ior, God, and King.

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1. Fa - ther, who in Je - sus found us, God, whose



love is all a - round us, who to free - dom



new un - bound us, keep our hearts with joy a - flame.

2. For the sacramental breaking,
for the honour of partaking,
for your life our lives remaking,
young and old, we praise your name.
3. From the service of this table
lead us to a life more stable,
for our witness make us able;
blessings on our work we claim.
4. Through our calling closely knitted,
daily to your praise committed,
for a life of service fitted,
let us now your love proclaim.

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As with Gladness Men of Old

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10

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-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle 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-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed 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;

so, most gra-cious God, 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.

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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

The rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness.
 Luke 1:78, 79

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
 2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -
 3. Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of

on - ly Light, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise,
 nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn
 sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine;

tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day - spring from on
 till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward
 scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. John 1:4

1. O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2. Come, ver - y Sun of heav - en's love, in last - ing
 3. And now to you our pray'rs as - cend, O Fa - ther,
 4. Con - firm our will to do the right, and keep our

ter - nal bring - ing light, O Light of light, light's
 ra - diance from a - bove, and pour the Ho - ly
 glo - rious with - out end; we plead with Sov - ereign
 hearts from en - vy's blight; let faith her ea - ger

liv - ing Spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing;
 Spir - it's ray on all we think or do to - day.
 Grace for pow'r to con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 fires re - new, and hate the false, and love the true.

5. O joyful be the passing day
 with thoughts as pure as morning's ray,
 with faith like noontide shining bright,
 our souls unshadowed by the night.

6. Dawn's glory gilds the earth and skies,
 let him, our perfect Morn, arise,
 the Word in God the Father one,
 the Father imaged in the Son.