

Dedicated to the Chowan Singers, Chowan University, Murfreesboro, North Carolina;
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What Star Is This?

SATB and Keyboard

Charles Coffin; tr. John Chandler
J.A.

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Adagio, somewhat freely (♩ = ca. 76)

Keyboard

Solo (or Unison Women)

mp

3

What star is this, with beams so bright,

(end Solo)

5

More love - ly than the noon - day light?

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7 *tutti mf*

S
A

For it an - nounc - es a new - born King,

T
B


mf



9 *mp rit. a tempo*

Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.

mp rit. a tempo



12

Now is ful-filled what God de-creed:



15

"That from the East a star shall pro - ceed."

17

mf While out - ward signs the star dis - plays,

mf

19

mp An in - ward light the Lord con - veys.

mp

22 *mf*

To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly

mf

24

light, To Christ re - vealed on this earth - ly

26 *f*

night, To God, the Ho - ly Ghost we raise

f

29

mf *rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

Our nev - er end - ing song of praise.

mf *rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

mf *rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

32

What star is this, with beams so bright,

35

More love - ly than the noon - day light?

37 *mf*

A star of won - der that shines so well

mf

39 *mp* *rit.* *a tempo*

on our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

mp *rit.* *a tempo*

42 *rit.* **Freely** *p*

our Lord, Em - man - u - el.

rit. **Freely** *p*