

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING

A Hymn Concertato for SATB Voices, Assembly, and Organ

Text: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.

Tune: MORNING STAR
James P. Harding (c.1860–1911)
Arranged by Larry Visser

Moderato ♩ = ca. 108
Introduction

Gt: Bright Cornet combination

Sw: Flutes 8' and 4'

Ped: Flutes 16' and 8'

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17 **Stanzas 1-3**

All *f* 1. Bright - est and best of the stars* - of the morn - ing,
Women *mp* 2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
Men *mf* 3. Shall we not yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,

Stanza 1: Plenum
 Stanzas 2 and 3: Light Plenum

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Dawn on our dark - ness and lend — us your aid.
 Low lies his head with the beasts — of the stall;
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f' rings di - vine,

*The word "sons" may be substituted for "stars" in stanzas 1 and 5. The text appears as printed in the Lutheran Book of Worship.

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Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,

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Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
Myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?

Stanza 4

33 *S, A* 4. Vain - ly we

4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion, —

T, B 4. Vain - ly we

Vain - ly with

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Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure; —

Vain - ly with