Brightest and Best of the Stars

1
Bright - est and best of the sons_ of the mor - ning,
dawn on our dark - ness and come__ to our aid;
star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dor - ning,
guide where our in - fant Re - deee - mer is laid.

2
What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
Shall we bring in - cense and of - ferings di - vine,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls_ of the o - cean,
myrrh from the for - est or gold__ from the mine?

3
Vain - ly we of - fer each la - vish o - bla - tion,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
richer by far is the heart’s_ a - do - ra - tion,
deerer to God are the prayers_ of the poor.

4
Bright - est and best of the stars_ of the mor - ning,
dawn on our dark - ness and come__ to our aid;
star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dor - ning,
guide where our in - fant Re - deee - mer is laid!

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