

London Gallery Quire 306

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Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Athalia, by George Handel (1685-1759)
 Edited by Nicholas Markwell and Francis Roads

[♩=100]

Soprano [Air]

1. Bright - est and best of the sons of the mor - ning,
 2. *Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,*
 3. Say, shall we yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4. *Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion;*

Alto

Tenor

1. Bright - est and best of the sons of the mor - ning,
 2. *Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,*
 3. Say, shall we yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
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Bass

Instrumental bass

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S

Dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid!
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 O - dours of E - dom and off - 'rings di - vine;
Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vour se - cure:

A

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Dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid!
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 O - dours of E - dom and off - 'rings di - vine;
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B

IB

Verse 5 repeats verse 1.

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S
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,
Ri - cher by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion;

A

T
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
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S
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid!
Ma - ker, and Mo - narch, and Sa - viour of all!
Myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
Dea - rer to God are the pray'rs of the poor!

A

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Symphony

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Verses 1- 4

Last time