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Star in the East

Hail the blest morn, See the great Mediator,
Down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger.
Lo, for His guard the bright angels attend.

(Chorus) Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star in the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer was laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies His head with beasts of the stall.
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Wise men and shepherds before Him do fall.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Eden and offerings divine;
Gems from the mountain and pearls from the ocean;
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gold we His favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

- Reginald Heber

Ranges: Sopranos Altos Tenors Basses

Star in the East

for Mixed Chorus (SATB) with Organ Accompaniment

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Tune from Southern Harmony
arr. John David Peterson

Resolutely (♩ = ca. 104)

Organ

16', 8'

Basses

f

1. Hail the blest morn, see the great Me - di - a - tor,

8

Down from the re - gions of glo - ry de - scend!

8

mf

Duration: ca. 5:30

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12 *mf smoothly*

Shep - herds go wor - ship the babe in the man - ger.

16

Lo, for His guard the bright an - gels at - tend.

20 **Sopranos**
mp lyrically

Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing!

Altos
mp lyrically

Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing!