

First stanza: Anonymous, before 1820  
Other stanzas & chorus: Reginald Heber, 1811

# Star in the East

Transcribed from Walker's *Christian Harmony*, 1867. A minor Arranged by William Walker, 1835 & 1867

Tr. 5 10

1. { Hail the blest morn, see the great Me-di-a - tor, Down from the regions of glo - ry de - scend! } Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the man - ger, Lo, for his guard the bright an - gels at - tend. }

A. 2. { Cold was his cra - dle, the dew - drops were shi - ning; Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; } Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
An - gels a - dore him in slum - bers re - cli - ning, Maker, and Monarch, and Sovereign of all. }

T. 8 3. { Say, shall we yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, O - dors from E - den, and of - ferings di - vine? } Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Gems from the mountain, and pearls from the o - cean, Myrrh from the fo - rest and gold from the mine? }

B. 4. { Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion, Vain - ly, with gold, we his fa - vor se - cure; } Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Ri - cher, by far, is the heart's a - do - ra - tion, Dea - rer to God are the prayers of the poor. }

Tr. 15 20

A. Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star in the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dor - ning, Guide where our infant Re - dee - mer was laid.

T. 8

B.

This is a folk hymn (Jackson 1953a, no. 182), first arranged by William Walker in his *Southern Harmony* (1835), p. 16, for three parts. It has been arranged several times since then, notably by William Hauser in 1848 and William Walker again in 1867, both of these for four parts.