

As With Gladness, Men Of Old

... behold, there came wise men from the east ...

St. Matthew 2:1

William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Abridged from a chorale by

Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

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The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes a melodic line starting with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 1.) As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold; 2.) As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly man-ger bed, 3.) As they of-fered gifts most rare, At that man-ger rude and bare, 4.) Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day, Keep us in the nar-row way, The second system continues the melody and accompaniment with lyrics: As with joy they hailed it's light Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright; There to bow the knee be-fore Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore; So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy, And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last, The third system concludes the piece with lyrics: So most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee. So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat. All our costli-est trea-sures bring, Christ to Thee, our heav'n-ly King. Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.

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