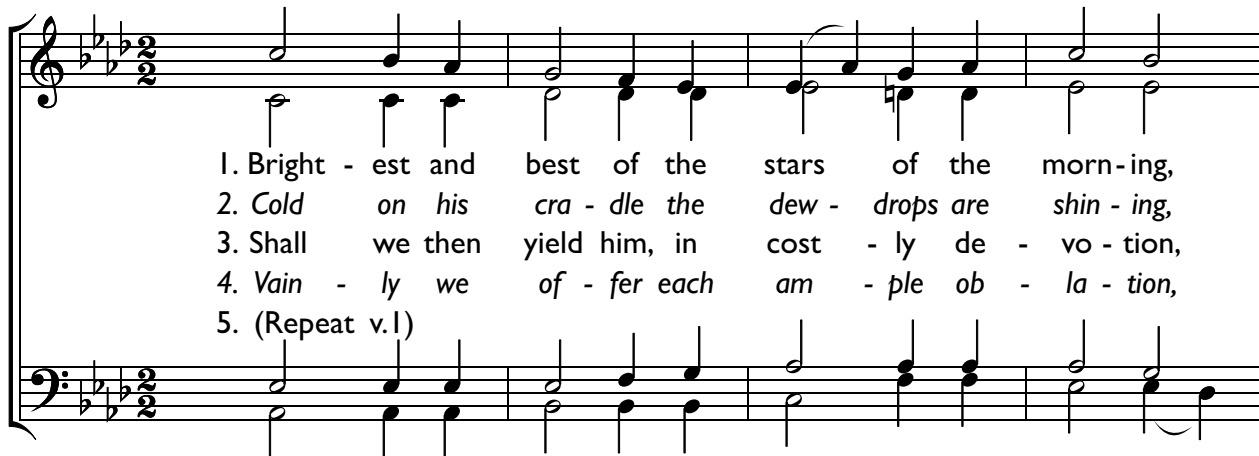


Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Hymnal 1982 no. 117, Melody: Morning Star

R. Heber
(1783-1826)

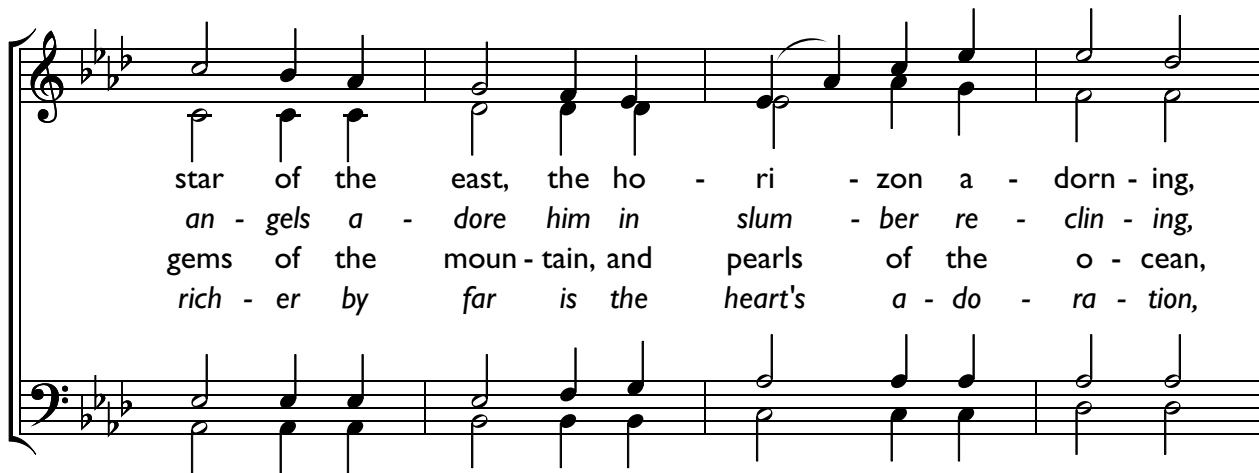
J. P. Harding
(1850-1911)



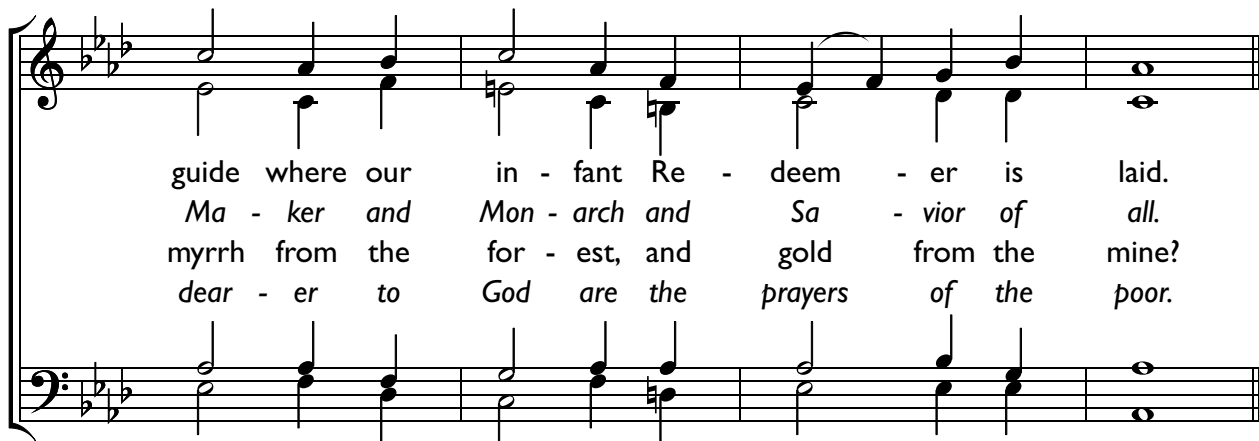
1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5. (Repeat v.1)



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
o - dors of E - dom, and off - 'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,



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,
rich - er by far is the heart's a - do - ra - tion,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.