

# Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

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AMNS words

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The Southern Harmony



1. Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing,  
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 ob - la - tion,  
(v. 1 may be repeated)



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 - vour 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 - viour of all.  
myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.



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