What star is this, with beams so bright Hymnal 1982 no. 124 Melody: Puer Nobis Nascitur L.M.



What star is this, with beams so bright,

more beauteous than the noonday light?

It shines to herald forth the King,

and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

True spake the prophet from afar

who told the rise of Jacob’s star;

and eastern sages with amaze

upon the wondrous token gaze.

The guiding star above is bright;

within them shines a clearer light,

and leads them on with power benign

to seek the Giver of the sign.

O Jesus, while the star of grace

impels us on to seek thy face,

let not our slothful hearts refuse

the guidance of thy light to use.

To God the Father, heavenly Light,

to Christ, revealed in earthly night,

to God the Holy Ghost we raise

our equal and unceasing praise.

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