

How bright appears the Morning Star

Hymnal 1982 no. 496, Melody: Wie schön leuchtet

W. Mercer (1811-1873),
after P. Nicolai (1556-1608)

Mel.: P. Nicolai (1556-1608),
harm.: J. H. Schein (1586-1630)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff is soprano, the middle staff is alto, and the bottom staff is bass. The notation uses black note heads and vertical stems. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second staff continues with the fourth line and concludes with a final line. The third staff begins with a new line and ends with another line.

I. How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star,
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high,
3. Re - joice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, re - ply;
with mer - cy beam -
he deigned to cast
with praise, ye sin -

ing from a - far; the host of heav'n re - joic - es;
a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy pow'r, ride on, ride on,

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and Son of God!
a - phim a - dored,
great Con-quer - or,

We, too, will lift our voic - es:
as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus!
Je - sus, grant us,
A - men, a - men!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us;
thy sal - va - tion;
Praise be giv - en

great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.