

AMNS 48 Earth has many a noble city

Melody: Stuttgart

Prudentius (348-c. 413),
tr. E. Caswall (1814-1878)

Adapted from a melody by
C. F. Witt (1660-1716)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is based on the Stuttgart tune. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, each with five lines of text corresponding to the five parts of the choir. The first system covers the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the remaining five lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Earth has ma - ny'a no - ble ci - ty; Beth-l'em, thou dost all ex - cel:
2. Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
3. East-ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4. Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
5. Je - su, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shipped at thy glad E - pi - pha - ny,
out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
to the world its God an - noun - cing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
see them give in deep de - vo - tion gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his se - pul - chre fore - shows.
un - to thee with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit glo - ry be.

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