

# As with Gladness Men of Old

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1. As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger-bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger crude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.
4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.
5. In the heav'nly country bright  
need they no created light;  
thou, its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou, its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.