

Earth Has Many a Noble City

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1. Earth has ma - ny a no - ble ci - ty; Beth - l'hem, 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 - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shipped at thy glad E - pi - phan - y,



1. out of thee the Lord from hea - ven, came to rule his Is - ra - el.
2. to the world its God an - noun - cing, seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
3. see them give in deep de - vo - tion gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
4. gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his se - pul - chre fore - shows.
5. un - to thee with God the Fa - ther and the Spir - it, glo - ry be.

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