

# What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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1. What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to~annnounce a newborn king,  
glad tidings of our God to bring.
2. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed:  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed."  
And lo! the eastern sages stand  
to read in heav'n the Lord's command.
3. While outward signs the star displays,  
an inward light the Lord conveys.  
It urges them, with force benign,  
to seek the Giver of the sign.
4. O Jesus, while the star of grace  
invites us all to seek thy face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of your light to use.
5. To God the Father, heav'nly Light,  
to Christ revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Spirit raise  
an endless song of thankful praise!

Inspiration: "Quem stella sole pulchrior"; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749, in the Paris Breviary, 1736.  
Lyrics: 88.88; John Chandler, 1806-1876, in "The Hymns of the Primitive Church", 1837.