

# 95. Kings of Orient

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1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing

6 gifts we tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain,

11 moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star:

16 O star of won - der, star of night, Star with

22 roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,



(Melchior)

2. Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
Gold I bring, to crown him again—  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign:  
*O star of wonder, etc.*

(Caspar)

3. Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a deity nigh:  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship him, God most high:  
*O star of wonder, etc.*

(Balthazar)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:  
*O star of wonder, etc.*

(All)

5. Glorious now, behold him arise,  
King, and God, and sacrifice!  
Heav'n sings alleluya,  
Alleluya the earth replies:  
*O star of wonder, etc.*

Verses 2, 3, and 4 may be sung by three different soloists whilst the choir accompanies, singing *Alh.*