

As with gladness men of old

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Prolific hymn writer William Chatterton Dix wrote these well known words for Epiphany (6th January) 1859. He had been struck with a serious illness and spent several months in bed. He suffered from depression during this time, but even so, many of his best-known hymns were written during the period of his illness.

He used Mr Kocher's tune for these words; the tune is also associated with the words for "For the beauty of the earth."

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, D7, G, C, G, C, G, C on the first staff; D7, G, G, D7, G, C, G on the second staff; C, G, C, D7, G, G, D7, G on the third staff; and C, G, C, G, D7, G on the fourth staff.

As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
4 star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,
7 Lead - ing on - ward beaming bright; So most grac - ious Lord, may we
11 Ev - er - more be sped to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we, with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At thy cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ to thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every 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 heavenly 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.