

# *Brightest and best*

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*Reginald Heber was an English clergyman, becoming bishop of Calcutta in 1823. He wrote 57 hymns, many of which are still in use; these include the famous hymn to the trinity, "Holy, holy, holy."*

*Here, his words are partnered with Joseph Thrupp's tune, "Epiphany hymn."*

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Musical score for the hymn "Brightest and best". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1-6, the second staff contains measures 7-13, and the third staff contains measures 14-15. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, G7, Am, G7, C, G7, C, Dm, C in the first staff; Dm, G7, C, G7, Am, D7, G7, C in the second staff; and F, C, G7, C in the third staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C G7 Am G7 C G7 C Dm C  
Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn. ing, Dawn on our dark - ness and

7 Dm G7 C G7 Am D7 G7 C  
lend us thine aid; Star of the east\_ the ho - ri - zon a - dorn-ing, Guide where our

14 F C G7 C  
in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

*Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him, in slumber reclining,  
Maker and monarch and saviour of all.*

*Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?*

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*