## **As With Gladness**

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- 1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee.
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped,
  To that lowly manger-bed,
  There to bend the knee before
  Him whim heav'n and earth adore,
  So may we with willing feet
  Ever seek thy mercy-seat.
- 3. As their precioous gifts they laid,
  At thy manger roughly made,
  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 Jesu, ev'ry 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.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

