

As with Gladness Men of Old

1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold,
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly cra - dle bed,
 3. As *they of - fered gifts most rare* At *that cra - dle rude and bare,*
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
 5. In the Heav'n - ly coun - try bright, Need they no cre - at - ed light,

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright,
 There to bend the knee be - fore Him whom Heav'n and earth a - dore,
 So *may we with ho - ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al - loy,*
 And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;

So, most gra - cious God, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
All our cost - liest treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our Heav'n - ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
 There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

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