

As With Gladness, Men of Old

*After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother;
and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Matthew 2:11*

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, eve - ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5. In that heav'n - ly coun - try bright they need 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 lives 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.