

STAR IN THE EAST A close variant of the melody is FIDUCIA. The versions which appear in *The American Vocalist* and Walker's *Christian Harmony* are equally good, and both are included in this collection. The *Angels On The Wing* recording's STAR IN THE EAST is from the *Christian Harmony*. Reginald Heber's poem, which begins "Brightest And Best Of The Sons Of The Morning," somehow acquired an anonymous first verse, "Hail the blest morn," and the composite circulated widely. Heber's poem first appeared in *The Christian Observer*, 1811. A. M. S. Gordon and T. W. Haynes may have been the first to put this tune together with the Heber poem in their four-shape book, *The Sweets of Music*, printed in 1832 in Pittsburgh. Caldwell's 1837 *Union Harmony or Family Musician* was another early publication of tune and words together.

STAR IN THE EAST. 11.10.11.10. Flat Key on A.

Vs. 1: Anon; vs. 2: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
"The Christian Observer," 1811

Mansfield's *The American Vocalist*, 1849

1. Hail, thou blest morn, when the great Med - i - a - tor, Down from the reg - ions of glo - ry des - cends;
Shep - herds, go wor - ship the babe in the man - ger, Lo for his guard— the bright an - gels at - tend.

2. Vain ly we off - er each am - ple o - bla - tion; Vain - ly with gifts— would his fav - or se - cure:
Rich - er by far— is the heart's ad - or - a - tion; Dear - er to God— are the pray'rs of the poor.

STAR IN THE EAST. *Concluded.*

Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing! Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid!

The first system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line, followed by a piano accompaniment staff with a treble clef, a bass clef staff with a C-clef, and a bass clef staff with a C-clef. The lyrics are written below the piano accompaniment staff.

Star of the East, the hor - i zon a - dorn - ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid!

The second system of the musical score consists of four staves, similar in layout to the first system. The lyrics are written below the piano accompaniment staff.