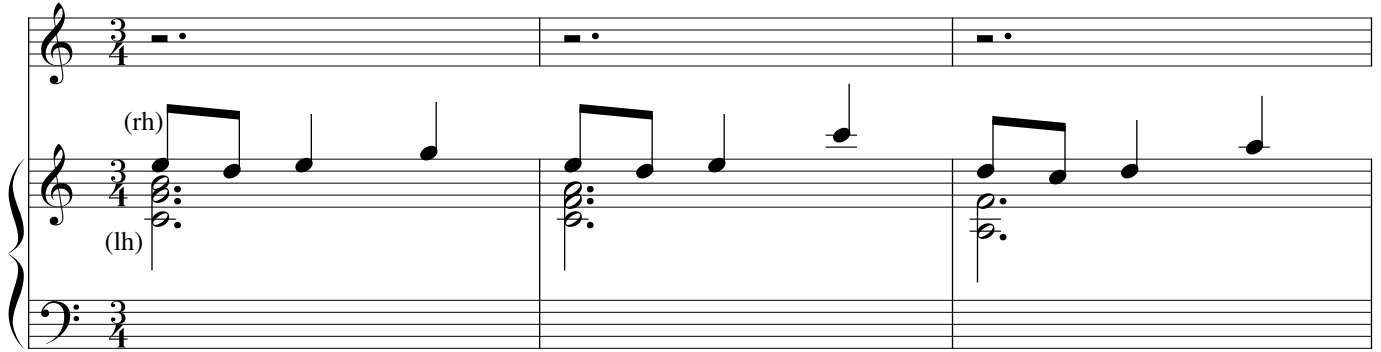


# The Promise of Christmas

Lyrics and Music  
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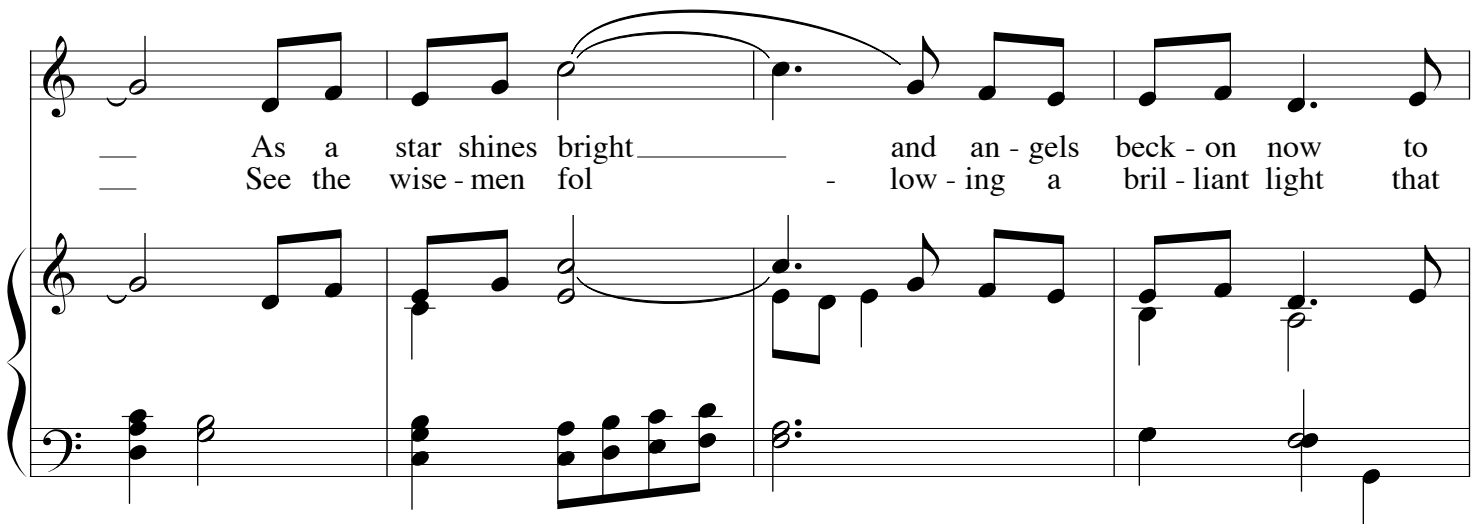


Piano introduction in 3/4 time. The right hand (rh) plays a simple melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand (lh) plays a bass line of quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2. The piece ends with a repeat sign.



1. I - ma - gine you are there, \_\_\_\_\_ Feel the ex - cite - ment in the air. \_\_\_\_\_  
(2. With) prec - ious gifts in hand, \_\_\_\_\_ They tra - vel from a far off land. \_\_\_\_\_

The vocal line begins with a whole note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with a repeat sign at the end of the first line.



\_\_\_\_\_ As a star shines bright \_\_\_\_\_ and an - gels beck - on now to  
\_\_\_\_\_ See the wise - men fol - low - ing a bril - liant light that

The vocal line continues with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, ending with a repeat sign.

shep - herds sit - ting on a hill - side with their sheep, \_\_\_\_\_ These hum - ble  
 in the night will aid their search - for Jes - se's stem, \_\_\_\_\_ Their search will

shep - herds, roused from sleep, \_\_\_\_\_ Come to see the King \_\_\_\_\_  
 lead to Beth - le - hem, \_\_\_\_\_ In their quest to find \_\_\_\_\_

Of Glor - y ly - ing now in a  
 The new - born king fore - told \_\_\_\_\_ by

roy - al bed of hay. The  
men of old - en time.

wise - men are com - ing. The shep - herds are al - read - y here. This

*rit. cresc.*

*p*  
ba - by is the Pro - mise of Christ - mas.

*p* *a tempo*

1. 2. With

*rit. extreme*