

257 As with gladness men of old

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5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - at - ed light;

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1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - iour, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - at - ed light;

thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

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as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven 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;

there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

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so, most gra - cious Lord, 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 trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven - 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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