

AS WITH GLADNESS, MEN OF OLD

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"The message of the cross is the power of God." - First Corinthians 1:18

VERSE 1

As with gladness, men of old did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light leading onward, beaming bright:
So, most glorious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

VERSE 2

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before Him whom Heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

VERSE 3

As they offered gifts most rare <Modern Translations Differ>
At that manger rude and bare; < >
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly king.

VERSE 4

Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last,
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

VERSE 5

In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown --- Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our king!