

# What star is this, with beams so bright

Old German Melody

Ein Kind Gebor'n

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a brace on the left. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A measure rest of 5 is indicated above the fifth measure of the treble staff.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a brace on the left. The key signature has two flats. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A measure rest of 15 is indicated above the first measure of the treble staff.

What star is this, with beams so bright,  
More lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,  
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
From Jacob shall a star proceed;  
And lo! the Eastern sages stand  
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

While outward signs the star displays,  
An inward light the Lord conveys,  
And urges them, with force benign,  
To seek the Giver of the sign.

True love can brook no dull delay;  
Nor toil nor dangers stop their way  
Home, kindred, father land and all  
They leave at their Creator's call.

O, while the star of heavenly grace  
Invites us, Lord, to seek Thy face,  
May we no more that grace repel,  
Or quench that light which shines so well!

To God the Father, God the Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
May every tongue and nation raise  
An endless song of thankful praise!

Charles Coffin