

January 12 2025 Hymns

## 492. Many Are the Lightbeams

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## 172. We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

[Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)]

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

3 Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
worshiping God on high.

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom,  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5 Glorious now behold him arise,  
Christ and God and sacrifice:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

## 151. The First Noel

1 The first Noel, the angel did say;  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night: [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went: [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense: [Refrain]