

WE THREE KINGS

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SATB, with optional accompaniment

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Performance time: approx. 2:30

(♩ = 96)

SOPRANO
mf
We three kings of O - ri - ent are;

ALTO
mf
We three kings of O - ri - ent are;

TENOR
mf
We three kings of O - ri - ent are;

BASS
mf
We three kings O - ri - ent are;

ACCOMP. (optional)
(♩ = 96)
mf

bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,

bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,

three kings, three kings, three kings, a - far,

We, O we, O we, a - far,

9

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, three kings, three kings, three kings, three kings,

9

fol - low - ing yon - der star. O
fol - low yon - der star. O
fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing star. O
fol - low yon - der star, fol - low - ing. O

17 (div.)

star of won - der, star of night, O O O O O O, of night.

17

star with roy - al beau - ty bright, O star, O O O star, so bright,

25

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing,

(div.)

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing,

star of won - der, star of won - der, star of won - der, star,

star of won - der, star of won - der, star of won - der, star,

25

guide us to thy per - fect light, thru the night.

guide us to thy per - fect light, thru the night.

guide us to thy per - fect light, thru the night.

guide us to thy per - fect light, thru the night.

* Cued notes are optional.

33 *ff*

Born gold a King on
gold I bring to

ff

Born gold a King on
gold I bring to

f

Doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom, doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom,

(div.) *f*

Doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom, doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom,

33 *ff*

f

Beth crown le him's plain,
crown him a gain.

Beth crown le him's plain,
crown him a gain.

doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom, doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom,

doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom, doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom,

41 *mp*

King for - ev - er,

King for - ev - er,

King for - ev - er, King for - ev - er, King for - ev - er, ev - er King,

King for - ev - er, King for - ev - er, King for - ev - er, ev - er King,

41 *mp*

ceas - ing nev - er,

ceas - ing nev - er,

ceas - ing nev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, nev - er cease,

ceas - ing nev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, nev - er cease,

49

o - ver us

o - ver us

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing,

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing,

49

all to

all to

sim.

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing,

sim.

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing,

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reign.

reign.

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing,

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing,

fol - low - ing the star.

fol - low - ing the star.

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing.

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing.

fol - low - ing the star.

fol - low - ing the star.

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing.

fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing, fol - low - ing.

57 *f*

Star of won - der, star of
 star with roy - al beau - ty

f

Star of won - der, star of
 star with roy - al beau - ty

(div.) *f*

Star of won - der, star of
 star with roy - al beau - ty

*f**

Star of won - der, star of
 star with roy - al beau - ty

57 *f*

Star of won - der, star of
 star with roy - al beau - ty

night,
 bright,

night
 bright,

of won - der, of won - der, of won - der, of night,
 with beau - ty, with beau - ty, with beau - ty so bright,

night won - der star, won - der star, won - der star of night,
 bright, beau - ty star, beau - ty star, beau - ty star so bright,

*Performance option, measures 57-62: Baritones may sing cued notes and Bases sing full-sized baritone notes.

67 *mp*

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, fol - low-ing yon - der

mp

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, fol - low-ing yon - der

mp

8 west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, fol - low-ing yon - der.

mp

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, fol - low-ing yon - der.

67

mp

73 *ff* *(tutti)*

star. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; _____ O

star. *ff*

We three kings of O - ri - ent are; _____ We three

ff *(div.)*

We three kings of O - ri - ent are; We three kings of O - ri - ent;

73 *ff*

*Performance option, measures 73-79: The canon may be sung by solo voices.

80

King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us
ff (tutti)
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us
 (tutti)
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us
 kings,
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us

80

87

all to reign. Three kings of O - ri - ent
rit. al fine
 all to reign. Three kings of O - ri - ent
rit. al fine
 all to reign. Three kings, three kings, three kings,
rit. al fine
 all to reign. O we, O we, O

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Original Ending

are, fol - low - ing the star.

are, fol - low - ing the star.

three kings, three kings, three kings, star.

we, O we, O we kings, star.

Original Ending

94 Alternate Ending
poco a poco dim.

star.

poco a poco dim.

star.

poco a poco dim.

Doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom, doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom.

poco a poco dim.

Doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom, doom tik - a doom tik, doom tik - a doom.

94 Alternate Ending

poco a poco dim.