

How bright appears the Morning Star

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Alto

1. How bright ap - - pears the Mor - ning Star /

Tenor

8 1. How bright ap - pears the Mor - ning

With mer - cy beam - ing from a - far / The host of hea - ven re -

8 star / With mer - cy beam - ing from a - far / The host

joi - - ces. O Right - ous Branch, O Jes -

8 of heaven re - joi - ces. O Right - ous Branch

- - se's Rod / The Son of Man and Son

8 O Jes - se's Rod / The Son of Man and

of God / We too will lift our voi - ces: Je - sus /

8 Son of God / We too will lift our voi - ces:

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Je - sus / _____ ho - - - ly, Come draw near _____

8 Je - sus / Je - sus / ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly / Come draw near

us / Great Im - ma - nu - el, come and _____ hear us.

8 us / Great Im - man - uel, come and hear us.

dal Segno ad libitum

2. Though circled by the hosts on high /
 He deigned to cast a pitying eye /
 Upon his helpless creature.
 The whole creation's head and Lord /
 By highest seraphim adored /
 Assumed our very nature.
 Jesus / Grant us /
 Through your merit / To inherit your salvation.
 Hear, O hear our supplication.

3 Rejoice, O heavens, and earth, reply /
 With praise, O sinners, fill the sky /
 For this, his incarnation.
 Incarnate God, put forth your power /
 Ride on, ride on, great Conqueror /
 Till all know your salvation.
 Amen / Amen /
 Alleluia / alleluia / Praise be given /
 Evermore by earth and heaven.