Hymn 42 5v with intro
Lyrics William C Dix
Score Dix.

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold
as with joy they haled its light
leading onwards, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly manger bed
there to bend the knee before
him whim heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy holy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
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.

Holy Master, every day
keep us in the narrow way
and when earthly things are past
bring us happily at last;
where we need no star to guide
where no clouds they glories hide.

In that heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown
thou its sun that goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.