Hymn 45 5v with intro  
Lyrics Prudentius, tr by Edward Caswell   
Score Stuttgart

Earth has many a noble city  
Bethlehem thou dost excel;  
out of thee the Lord from heaven  
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the Star that told His birth  
to the world its God announcing  
seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at His cradle  
make oblations rich and rare  
see them give, in deep devotion  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning  
incense doth their God disclose  
gold the King of kings proclaimeth  
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Master whom the gentiles worshipped  
at thy glad Epiphany  
grant that we with equal fervour  
all our hearts my bring to thee.