

# Herald and News

## Christmas Story Book

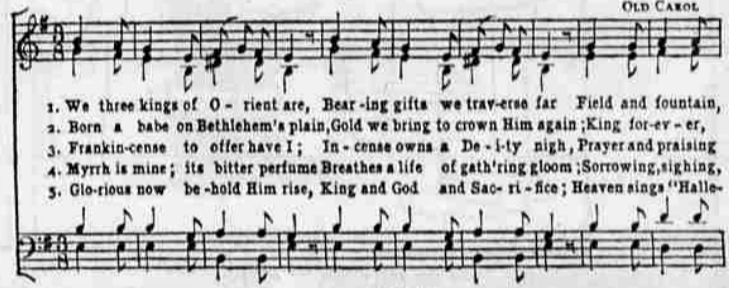
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# CHRISTMAS STORY BOOK--1963



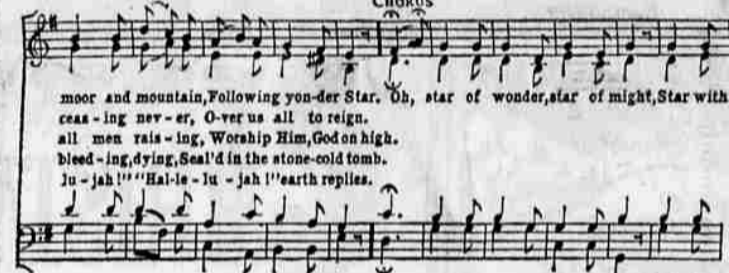
## Three Kings of Orient

OLD CAROL

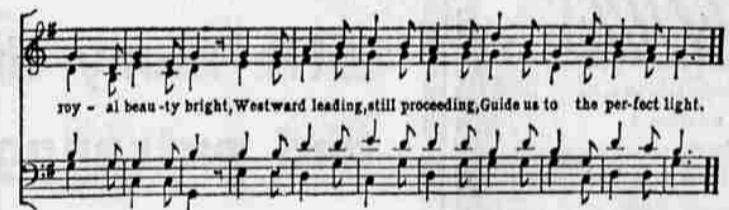


1. We three kings of O-rient are, Bear-ing gifts we trav-erse far Field and foun-tain,  
2. Born a babe on Beth-lehem's plain, Gold we bring to crown Him again; King for-ev-er,  
3. Frankin-cense to offer have I; In-cense owns a De-i-ly night, Prayer and praising  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gath-ring gloom; Sor-rowing, sighing,  
5. Glo-ri-ous now be-hold Him rise, King and God and Sac-ri-fice; Heaven sings "Hal-le-

CHORUS



moor and moun-tain, Follow-ing you-der Star. Oh, star of won-der, star of might, Star with  
cea-ing nev-er, O-ver us all to reign.  
all men rais-ing, Wor-ship Him, God on high.  
bleed-ing, dy-ing, Seal'd in the stone-cold tomb.  
Ju-jah!" "Hal-le-ju-juh!" earth replies.



roy-al beau-ty bright, West-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, Guide us to the per-fect light.

**U**NFAIRLY, the name of John Henry Hopkins, Jr. often has been omitted (as it is above) from printings of what is regarded by many as the most successful of modern carols. For he was both the lyricist and composer of "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Almost all of the other world's popular carols have been collaborations or adaptations.

Rev. Hopkins could be said to have inherited his calling and talents. John Henry Hopkins, Sr., an Irish immigrant to the U.S.A., was a Pittsburgh lawyer, architect, poet, composer and water-colorist when he felt a call to the ministry. Ordained at 31, he established seven new churches in Pennsylvania within a decade; was made Episcopal Bishop of Vermont at 41, and eventually was his denomination's Presiding Bishop in the U.S.A. His five sons won distinction in the church, commerce, journalism, education, medicine.

John H. Jr., who followed his father into the ministry when 30, also devoted talents as poet and composer to the Faith. Two volumes of his carols, hymns, poems were published.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are," originally written for a Christmas observance in Williamsport, Penn., in 1857, sprang into popularity interdenominationally in the U.S.A. with its publication in musical form in 1863, and was adopted internationally in the next quarter century.

The stanzas were written for dramatic presentation. The three monarchs, Melchior, Kaspar and Balthasar, together sing the first stanza account of following the star. Next each in turn sings alone, describing his special gift and its significance. Then the three unite in singing the fifth stanza.