

Karl Henning

Op.139 ☒ 1

Brightest and Best

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Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

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after *Star of the East* from *The Southern Harmony* (1835)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Bright - est and best of the stars of the mor - ning, dawn on our

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dark-ness, and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn-ing,

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guide where our in - fant Re-deem - er is laid. Bright-est and best of the stars_ of the

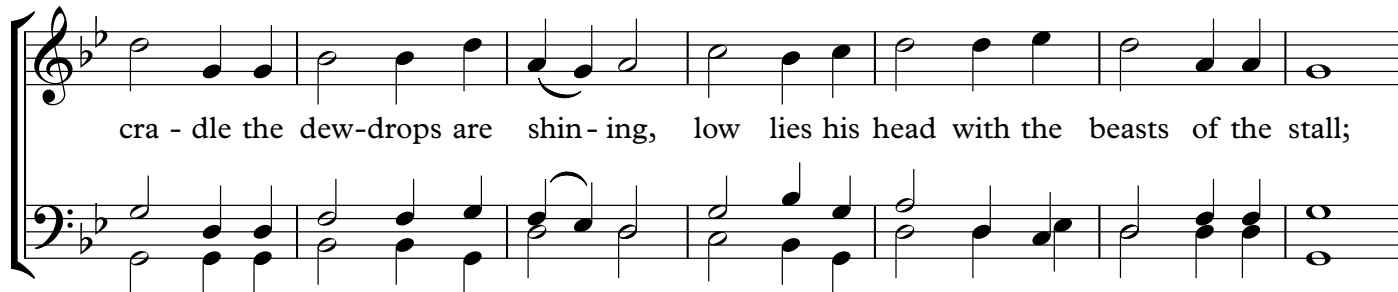
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morn-ing, dawn on our dark-ness, and lend_ us thine aid; star of the east, the ho-

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ri - zon a - dorn-ing, guide where our in - fant Re-deem - er is laid. Cold on his

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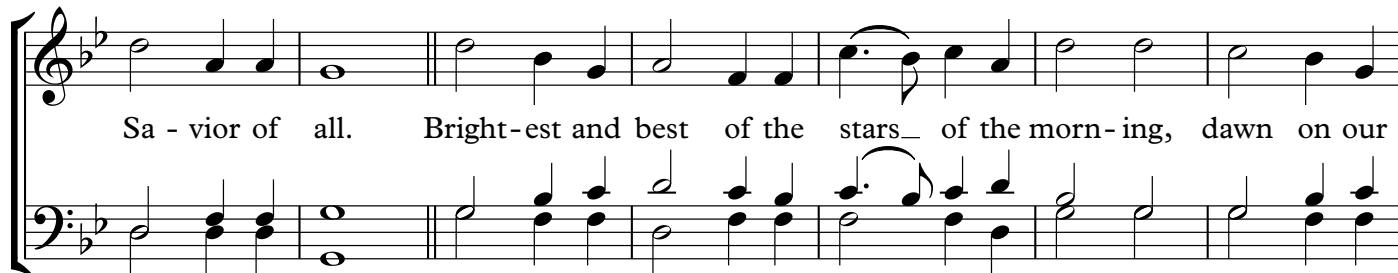
cra - dle the dew-drops are shin - ing, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;

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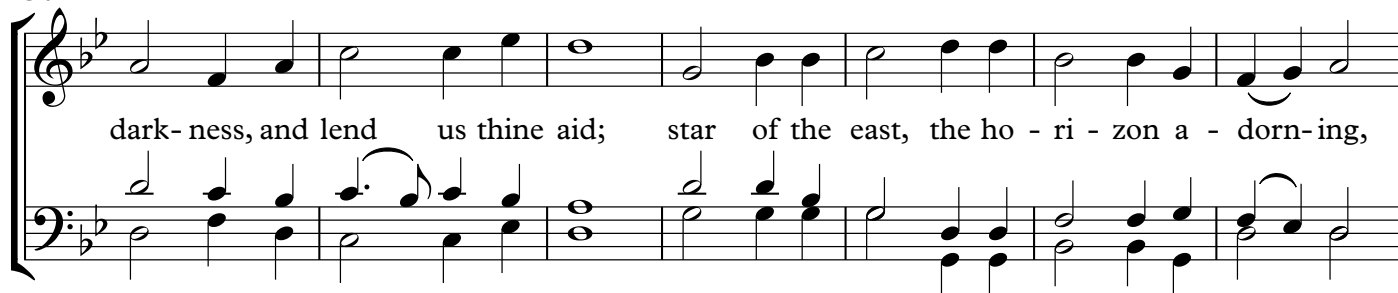
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and

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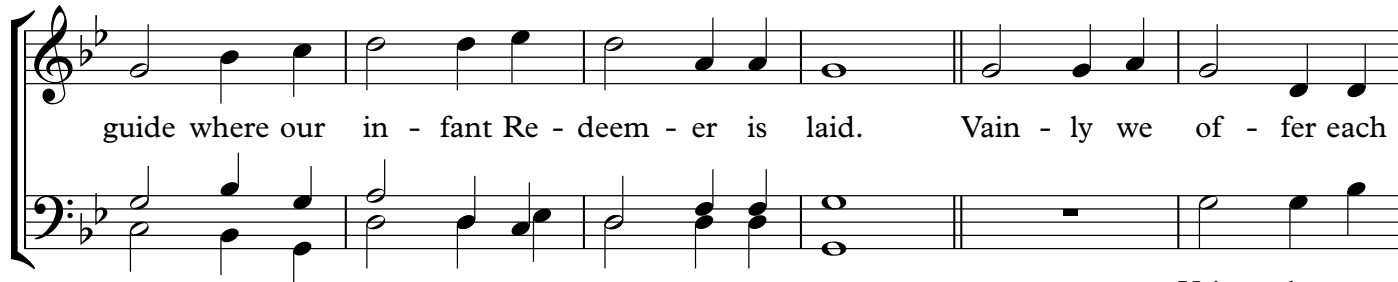
Sa - vior of all. Bright - est and best of the stars_ of the morn - ing, dawn on our

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dark - ness, and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

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guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid. Vain - ly we of - fer each

Vain - ly we

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am - ple o - bla - tion, vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,

of - fer o - bla - tion, vain - ly with gifts his fa - vor se -

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rich - er by far is the heart's a - do - ra - tion, dear - er to God are the prayers of the

cure, rich - er the heart's a - do - ra - tion, dear - er to God the

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poor. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, dawn on our dark - ness, and

poor.

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lend us thine aid; star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a -

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dorn - ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.