Three kings from Persian lands afar

Three kings from Per- sian lands afar To Jordan follow the

How bright-ly shines the

point-ing star: And this the quest of the travel-lers three, Where the

morn-ing star! With grace and

new-born King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the

truth from heav’n afar Our

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Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, translated from Philipp Nicolai.

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King: Gold, incense, myrrh, are their offering. The star shines out

Jesse tree now bloweth

with a steadfast ray; The kings to Bethlehem make their way, And there in

Of Jacob's stem and David's line,

worship they bend the knee, As Mary's child in her lap they see;

For thee, my Bridegroom, King Di-

Their royal gifts they show to the King; Gold incense, myrrh, are their offering.

vine, My soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thou child of man, lo to Bethlehem
The kings are traveling,

Thy word, Jesus,

travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of

In-ly feeds us

grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold incense, myrrh thou canst not

Right-ly leads us, Life bestow-

bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King, Offer thy heart!

Praise O praise such love o'er flowing.