Brightest and Best

words: Reginald Heber (1738-1826) alt.

music: Star in the East
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1. Brighest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid. Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Brighest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid. Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore him in slumber resting, oceean, myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

3. Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion, odors of the gifts would his favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration, clining, Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

4. Vainly we ofer each ample oblation, vainly with theCliing, dawn on our darknes, and lend us thine aid. Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.