As With Gladness Men of Old

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As with gladness men of old, Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, so true, Evermore be led by You!

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Your lowly bed, There to bend the knee before, You whom heaven and earth adore, So may we with willing feet, Ever seek Your mercy seat!

As they offered gifts most rare, At Your cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to You, our heavenly King!

Holy Jesus, every day, Keep us in the narrow way; And, when early things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last, Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Your glory hide.

Bible Verse: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, Matthew 2:1 ESV