

HOW BRIGHT APPEARS THE MORNING STAR

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, IRREG.; P. Nicolai, 1599; harm. J.S. Bach, adapt. traditional

Text: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, P. Nicolai, 1599; freely tr. W. Mercer, 1859

1. How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, With mer - cy beam - ing
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, He deigned to cast a
3. Re - joice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, re - ply; With praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; The host of heav'n re - joi - ces;
pit - ying eye Up - on His help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, For this His in - car - na - tion.

O Righ-teous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of man and
The whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, By high-est se - ra -
In - car - nate God, put forth Thy pow'r, Ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voi - ces:
phim a - dored, As - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, Till all know Thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
Je - sus, grant us, Through Thy me - rit, to in - he - rit
A - men, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - ia!

Draw Thou near us; Great Em - man-uel, come and hear us.
Thy sal - va - tion; Hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
Praise be gi - ven Ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.