



1. Beth - le - hem, of no - blest cit - ies None can once with
 2. Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing Was the star that
 3. By its lam - bent beau - ty guid - ed, See, the East - ern
 4. Of - fer - ings of my - stic meaning!— In - cense doth the
 5. Ho - ly Je - sus! in thy bright-ness To the Gen - tile



thee com - pare; Thou a - lone the Lord from heav - en
 told his birth; To the lands their God an - nounc - ing,
 Kings ap - pear; See them bend, their gifts to of - fer,—
 God dis - close; Gold a Roy - al child pro - claim - eth;
 world dis - play'd! With the Fa - ther, and the Spir - it,



Didst for us In - car - nate bear.
 Hid be - neath a form of earth.
 Gifts of in - cense, gold, and myrrh.
 Myrrh a fu - ture tomb fore - shows.
 End - less praise to Thee be paid.

O sola magnarum urbium

Prudentius, 4th cent.; tr. E. Caswall, 1851