

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Text and Music: John Henry Hopkins, 1857

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top two staves are for voices (Soprano and Alto), and the bottom two staves are for piano (right hand) in 3/4 time. The fifth staff is also for piano, providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, alternating between English and German text. Measure numbers 1 through 27 are indicated at the beginning of each staff.

1

We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we
Die drei Wei - sen sind wir ge - nannt, kom - men aus dem

7

tra - verse a - far field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
Mor - gen - land, fra - gen in Je ru - sa lem nach dem

13

fol - low - ing yon - der star. Refrain a tempo
Kö - nig, dem Hei - land. O Stern, star of won - der, star of
rit. Hel - ler Stern, o führ uns zu dem

20

night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing,
Kind, fol - gen dei - nem Glanz ge - schwind, fin - den so das

27

still pro ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.
himm - lisch Licht, das sich in tau - send Strah - len bricht.

33

Musical score page 33. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *mf*, *p.*, *bd.*, *mp*. Measure 33 consists of six measures of music.

41

Musical score page 41. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *f*, *#p.*, *mp*, *rit.*. Measure 41 consists of six measures of music.

49 *a tempo*

Musical score page 49. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *mf*, *p.*, *bd.*, *p.*, *mp*, *p.*, *bd.*, *p.*. Measure 49 consists of eight measures of music.

57

Musical score page 57. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *mf*, *p.*, *bd.*, *p.*, *p.*, *p.*, *bd.*, *p.*, *rit.*, *mp*, *Red.*, ***. Measure 57 consists of nine measures of music.

All three:

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
 O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
 Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Kaspar:

Born a king on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown him again
 King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
 O star of wonder ...