

# 11. How Brightly Shines Our Morning Star

Wie schön leucht' uns der Morgenstern

Epiphany

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(1599)

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**Sop.**

1. How bright - ly shines our  
3. Pour deep in - to my  
5. O God and Fa - ther,  
7. With joy my heart does

**Alto**

1. How bright - ly shines our Morn -  
3. Pour deep in - to my heart \_\_\_\_\_  
5. O God and Fa - ther, Cham -  
7. With joy my heart does o -

**Bar.**

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5. O God and Fa - ther,  
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heart with - in, O shin - ing Jew - el,  
Cham - pion, Lord, You loved me e'er the  
o - ver - flow for my Be - lov - ed

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God, the Lord, the sweet - est Root of Jes - se. O  
*prec - ious Gem, the flame of Thy love burn - ing, that*  
 earth was formed, love Your Son Je - sus shows me, who  
 now I know is Al - pha and O - me - ga. He

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 now I know is Al - pha and O - me - ga.

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Son of Da - vid, Ja - cob's kin, my  
*I, O Lord, a part may be of*  
 has to You en - trust - ed me, I  
 shall bring me to par - a - dise, Him -

Son of Da - vid, Ja - cob's kin, my Bride-groom  
*I, O Lord, a part may be of Your own*  
 has to You en - trust - ed me, I am His  
 shall bring me to par - a - dise, Him - self He

O Son of Da - vid, Ja - cob's kin, my  
 that I, O Lord, a part may be of  
 who has to You en - trust - ed me, I  
 He shall bring me to par - a - dise, Him -

\*Some breath marks in some verses may be unnecessary, of course. (Ed.)

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Bride-groom and my hon - ored King, my  
Your own Bod y, fit and free, and  
am His bride, my Friend is He, so  
self He gives, the great - est price; I

and my hon - ored King, my  
Bod y, fit and free, and  
bride, my Friend is He, so  
gives, the great - est price; I

Bride - groom and my hon - ored King, my  
Your own Bod y, fit and free, and  
am His bride, my Friend is He, so  
self He gives, the great - est price; I

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heart in love pos - sess - ing; lov - ed, friend - ed,  
filled with joy for liv - ing. In You, let me,  
naught shall e'er dis - tress me. Ei - a, ei - a,  
clap my hands, re - joic - ing. A - men, a - men,

heart in love pos - sess - ing; friend - ed,  
filled with joy for liv - ing. let me,  
naught shall e'er dis - tress me. Ei - a,  
clap my hands, re - joic - ing. A - men,

13

heart in love pos - sess - ing; fair  
filled with joy for liv - ing. nev -  
naught shall e'er dis - tress me. Heav'n -  
clap my hands, re - joic - ing. Come,

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high and in splen -  
so that death nev -  
praise His name, my  
*Long - ing - ly my*

high and  
so that  
praise His  
*Long* - ing -  
and that  
His ing -

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and come - ly, great and lof - ty, bless - ings send - ing,  
er \_ ceas - ing, still in - crease in joy and glad - ness,  
ly \_ life to us is giv - en, ev - er af - ter:  
O \_ dear - est crown of - glad - ness, do not tar - ry.

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dor ex - cel - ing. 2. My  
er can part us. 4. A  
heart, for ev er. 6. To  
heart is wait ing.

in splen - dor ex - cel - ing. 2. My  
death nev - er can part us. 4. A  
name, my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ for - ev er. 6. To  
ly my heart is wait ing.

high and in splen - dor ex - cel - ing.  
so that death nev - er can part us.  
praise His name, my heart, for - ev er.  
*Long - ing - ly my* heart is wait ing.

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jew - el and my price - less crown, true  
joy - ous light would shine on me if in  
God with in - stru - ments of praise in

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jew - el and my price - less crown, true Son of  
joy - ous light would shine on me if Your own  
God with in - stru - ments of praise in sweet - est

2. My jew - el and my price - less crown, true  
4. A joy - ous light would shine on me if  
6. To God with in - stru - ments of praise in

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Son of God and Mar-y's Son, the high - born King of  
Your own face should turn to me in sweet - est in - vi -  
sweet-est songs our voic-es raise in joy - ous sound to -

God and Mar-y's Son, the high-born King of heav -  
face should turn to me in sweet - est in - vi - ta -  
songs our voic-es raise in joy - ous sound to - geth -

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Your own face should turn to me in sweet - est in - vi -  
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heav - en! My heart sees You as  
ta - tion. O Lord, the things that  
geth - er. To our be lov - ed

en! My heart sees You as heav -  
tion. O Lord, the things that I  
er. To our be lov - ed Je -

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heav - en!  
ta - tion.  
geth - er.

My heart sees You as  
O Lord, the things that  
To our be lov - ed

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heav - en's flow'r,  
I most love,  
Je - sus sing,

Your Gos - pel, sweet with  
Word and Spir - it,  
our won - drous Bride

- en's flow'r, Your Gos - pel, sweet with  
most love, Your Word and Spir - it,  
sus sing, our won - drous Bride

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stor - ied pow'r, is milk and hon - ey giv - en.  
Bod - y, blood, in - side my heart are light - ed.  
and our King, to please Him sound to - geth - er.

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Bod - y, blood, in - side my heart are light - ed.  
and our King, to please Him sound to - geth - er.

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Je - su, Je - su,  
Take me sweet - ly,  
Sing - ing, danc - ing,

Ho - si - an - na! heav'n-ly man - na  
to Your bos - om, Lord, in - mer - cy,  
joy tri - umph - ant, all re - joic - ing,

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that in faith shall e'er main - tain us.  
by Your Word I am in - vit - ed.  
hon - or we the King of Heav - en.

that in faith shalle'er main - tain us.  
by Your Word I am in - vit - ed.  
hon - or we the King of Heav - en.

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that sus - tains us, that in faith shall e'er main - tain us.  
love re - quit-ed, by Your Word I am in - vit - ed.  
with thanks - giv-ing, hon - or we the King of Heav - en.

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Ritornello for 3 Instruments\* on "Wie schön leucht' uns"

Fl. 46 |: 8 18 |: 8 12 |: 8 18 |:

Vln. 46 Violin |: 3 4 |: 3 |:

Vla. 46 Viola |: 3 4 |: 3 |: 3 |:

Fl. 49 18 |: 8 18 |: 8 12 |: 8 12 |:

Vln. 49 3 |: 3 4 |: 3 4 |: 3 4 |:

Vla. 49 3 |: 3 4 |: 3 4 |: 3 4 |:

Fl. 51 12 |: 8 12 |: 8 12 |: 8 12 |:

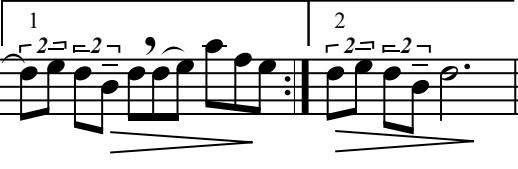
Vln. 51 4 |: 4 4 |: 4 4 |: 4 4 |:

Vla. 51 4 |: 4 4 |: 4 4 |: 4 4 |:

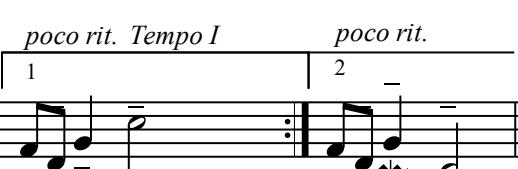
\*to be played *ad libitum* before each verse and at the end. The flute is obligatory, the other two parts can be played by other instruments of similar weight as desired. Single or multiple instruments may be used with the choir according to availability and the strength of the singers. (H.D.)

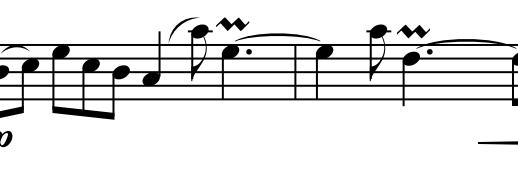
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*poco rit.*   *Tempo I*   *poco rit.*

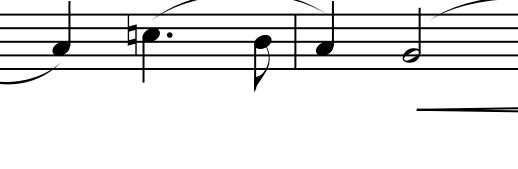
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Vln.      53      

Vla.      53      

Fl.      57      

Vln.      57      

Vla.      57      

Fl.      60      

Vln.      60      

Vla.      60      