

Brightest and best

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1/5. Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing, dawn on our
2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing, low lies his
3. Shall we not yield him in cost - ly de - vo - tion, o - dors of
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion, vain - ly with

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dark - ness and lend us thine aid; star_ of the_ east, the ho - ri - zon a -
head with the beasts of the stall; an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re -
E - dom, and of-ferings di - vine, gems_ of the_ moun - tain, and pearls of the
gifts would his fa - vor se - cure, rich - er by_ far is the heart's a - dor -

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dorn - ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
clin - ing, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
o - cean, myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
a - tion, dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

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