

CAROLS
SATB and piano

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

John Rutter

This carol is scored for small orchestra:

2 flutes

2 oboes

2 clarinets in B flat

2 bassoons

2 horns in F

Percussion (2 players: snare drum,
tambourine, suspended cymbal,
tam-tam)

Harp

Strings

Three Kings of Orient

Words and music by J.H. Hopkins (1820-91)
arranged by JOHN RUTTER

Stately, like a royal procession ♩ = 50

PIANO

p *mp* *sim.*

8

mp

15

S. A. *p* *Hum*

T. B. *unis. p lontano*

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing

p

22

gifts we tra-verse a - far, Field and foun - tain, Moor and

28

A REFRAIN for Verses 1, 2, and 3

O star of won - der, moun - tain, Fol-low-ing yon - der star:

A REFRAIN for Verses 1, 2, and 3

35

star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

After v. 3:
to next page for v. 4

41 *mp cresc.* *mf* *mp*

West - ward lead - ing, Still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to — thy per - fect light.

mp cresc. *mf* *mp* *p*

B Verse 2: TENOR SOLO
Verse 3: BARITONE SOLO

49 *mf*

2. Born a king on Beth-le-hem plain, Gold I bring to crown him a -
3. Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a De - i - ty

p v. 2 Hum
mp v. 3 Aw

B Verses 2 and 3

p

Back to p.4 for
REFRAIN

58 *cresc.* *f* *dim.*

-gain, King for ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign:
nigh, Prayer and prais - ing, All men rais - ing, Wor - ship him, God most high:

cresc. *dim.*

cresc. *dim.*

(Voices unaccompanied)

C

66

Verse 4

BASS SOLO

mp

4. Myrrh is mine; its bit-ter per-fume Breathes a life of ga-ther-ing

75

*ritard.**a tempo*

gloom; Sor-row-ing, sigh-ing, Bleed-ing, dy-ing, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:

TENORS

83

mp

O— star of won-der, star of night, Star with roy-al beau-ty bright;

BASSES

O— star of won-der, star of night, Star with roy-al beau-ty bright;

mp
(Voices unaccompanied)

92

West-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, Guide— us to— thy per-fect light.

D 100 *f* *sonore*

5. Glo - rious now be -

D *f* *sonore*

106 -hold him a - rise, _____ King, and God, — and sa - cri -

111 *cresc.* *ff*

- fice! _____ Heav'n sings Al - le - lu - ia: Al - le -

cresc. *ff* Al - le -

cresc. *ff*

116 *rit.* *mf* **E a tempo**

- lu - ia earth re - plies: O star of won - der,

- lu - ia the *mf* *rit.* **E a tempo**

122

star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward lead - ing,

Star with

130 *rall. al fine* *p* *dim.* *pp*

still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

p *dim.* *pp*

rall. al fine