

# A glorious star

From a Birmingham broadsheet, adapted

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G. & I.A.

♩=88

Soprano  
A glo - rious star from heaven ap - peared, Clear

Alto  
A glo - rious star from heaven ap - peared, Clear

Tenor [Air]  
A glo - rious star from heaven ap - peared, Clear

Bass  
A glo - rious star from heaven ap - peared, Clear

Keyboard

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S  
of the clouds of ig - no - rance, For to re - deem lost

A  
of the clouds of ig - no - rance, For to re - deem lost

T  
of the clouds of ig - no - rance, For to re - deem lost

B  
of the clouds of ig - no - rance, For to re - deem lost

Kbd.

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S  
souls from thrall, Who by old A - dam lost by chance;

A  
souls from thrall, Who by old A - dam lost by chance;

T  
souls from thrall, Who by old A - dam lost by chance;

B  
souls from thrall, Who by old A - dam lost by chance; Through

Kbd.

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S

A  
Through

T  
Through God our Sa - viour, Pro - phet, King, Through

B  
God our Sa - viour, Pro - phet, King, Through God our Sa - viour, Pro - phet

Kbd.

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12

S  
A  
T  
B  
Kbd.

Through God our Sa - viour, Pro - phet, King, From  
God our Sa - viour, Pro - phet, King, Through God our Sa - viour, Pro - phet, King, From  
God our Sa - viour, Pro - phet, King, From  
King, Through God our Sa - - viour, Pro - phet, King, From

14

S  
A  
T  
B  
Kbd.

heaven being sent good news did bring, From  
heaven being sent good news did bring, From  
heaven, being sent good news did bring, From  
heaven being sent good news did bring, From

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S  
heaven being sent good news did bring.

A  
heaven being sent good news did bring.

T  
heaven being sent good news did bring.

B  
heaven being sent good news did bring.

Kbd.

2. At length the Angel Gabriel came,  
To Mary also meek and mild:  
"Hail; blessèd Virgin, full of grace,  
This day thou art conceived with child,  
A Saviour for all mankind sure".  
She said, "I am a virgin pure."
3. The Blessed Virgin then the truth,  
Told righteous Joseph, at that time,  
When he perceivèd all her swelth,  
He thought that he had done a crime,  
Until the Angel Gabriel said,  
"Fear not thy wife, she's a pure maid."
4. At that same time the Emperor,  
Great taxes on his subjects laid;  
All subject to where they were born,  
They must go where they could abide,  
Joseph and Mary, far they rode,  
And many a weary step they went.
5. At length they came to Bethlehem,  
It being a village that was poor,  
The inns and lodgings were so full,  
At that same time could hold no more,  
But in an ox's stall she lay,  
And there she bore it patiently.
6. God pleasèd was that blessèd morn,  
Time came she should delivered be,  
Which did enjoy their gentle hearts,  
A blessèd Saviour for to see;  
Being both mother, wife, and maid,  
She had the laws of God obeyed.
7. No woman's help as they could have,  
No swaddling bands nor linen fair,  
No midwife's help as could they get,  
But patiently did she endure.  
No costly robes nor such like things,  
Although he was the King of kings.

Circled numbers correspond with lines of text.