

Earth has many a noble city

1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
 2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
 3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
 4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
 5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,

1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
 2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
 3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
 4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
 5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

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heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

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