

# Earth has many a noble city

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1. Earth has many a noble city,  
Bethlehem takes highest place,  
where the Lord of highest heaven  
came to earth in truth and grace.
2. Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing,  
seen in fleshly form on earth.
3. Eastern sages at his cradle  
bring their off'rings rich and rare;  
see them give in deep devotion  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.
4. Sacred gifts with awesome meaning:  
incense, Godhead to reveal,  
gold the King of kings proclaiming,  
myrrh foretelling tomb and seal.
5. Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped  
at your glad Epiphany,  
now to you with God the Father  
and the Spirit glory be.

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