

Stars of the Morning

~ for SATB choir a cappella ~



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Text from St. Joseph the Hymnographer



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Stars of the Morning

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
Stars filled with celestial splendor and light,
These, that where night never follows day,
Raise the "Thrice Holy Lord!" ever and aye.

These are your ministers, these all do you own,
Lord God of Sabbaoth, nearest your throne;
These are your messengers, these do you send,
Oh help of the helpless ones, us to defend.

Still let them succor us, still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts battling for right,
'Til, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,
We with the angels may bow and adore.

Amen.

St. Joseph the Hymnographer (816 - 883)
Translated by John Mason Neale (1818 - 1866)

*Cover shows detail from painting by Benozzo Gozzoli, 1421 - 1497,
in the Magi Chapel of the Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Florence, Italy.*

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Not Too Fast

Soprano
mf 1. Stars of the morn - - - ing,
2. Still let them suc - - - cor

Alto
mf 1. Stars of the morn - - - ing,
2. Still let them suc - - - cor

Tenor
mf 1. Stars, stars, stars of the morn - ing,
2. Still, still, oh let them suc - cor

Bass
mf 1. Stars, stars, stars of the morn - ing,
2. Still, still, oh let them suc - cor

Rehs'l. Acc.
Not Too Fast
(♩ = 64)

3

so glo - rious - ly bright, Stars bright,
us; still let them fight, Still, Lord

so glo - rious - ly bright, Stars bright,
us; still let them fight, Still, Lord

so glo - rious - ly bright, Stars filled, with
us; still let them fight, Oh Lord of an -

so glo - rious - ly bright, Stars filled, with
us; still let them fight, Oh Lord of an -

— filled with ce - les - tial splen - dor and for light, These
 — of an - gel - lic hosts, bat - tling for right, 'Til,

8
 ce - - - les - - - tial splen - dor and light, These
 gel - - - lic hosts, bat - tling for right, 'Til,

ce - - - les - - - tial splen - dor and light, These
 gel - - - lic hosts, bat - tling for right, 'Til,

— that, where night nev - er fol - lows day,
 — where their an - thems they cease - less pour,

— that, where night nev - er fol - lows day, Raise,
 — where their an - thems they cease - less pour, We

8
 — that, where night nev - er fol - lows day; Raise,
 — where their an - thems they cease - less pour, We

— that, where night nev - er fol - lows day;
 — where their an - thems they cease - less pour,

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Faster

1. Raise, the "Thrice Ho - ly Lord" ev - er and aye, aye.

— raise the "Thrice Ho - ly Lord" ev - er and aye, aye.

8 — raise the "Thrice Ho - ly Lord" ev - er and aye, aye. These

Raise the "Thrice Ho - ly Lord" ev - er and aye, aye. These

1. (♩ = 72)

16

mp These are your min - is - ters, these all do you

mp These are your min - is - ters, these all do you

are your min - is - ters, these all do you own, Lord God of

are your min - is - ters, these all do you own, Lord God of

own, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth, near - est your throne; These

own, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth, near - est your throne; These

Sa - ba - oth, near - est your throne; These are your mes - sen - gers,

Sa - ba - oth, near - est your throne; These are your mes - sen - gers,

are your mes - sen - gers, these do you send, Oh help of the

are your mes - sen - gers, these do you send, Oh help of the

these do you send, Oh help of the help - less ones, us to de -

these do you send, Oh help of the help - less ones, us to de -

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As at First

help - less ones, us to de - fend. We with the an - gels may bow, —
 help - less ones, us to de - fend. — with — the an - gels may bow,
 fend, us de - fend. — with — the an - gels may bow, —
 fend, us de - fend. We with an - gels may bow, —

As at First

(♩ = 64)

36

bow and a - - - dore. A - - - - men. —
 bow and a - dore. A - - - - men. —
 bow and a - dore. A - men, a - men. —
 bow and a dore. A - - - - men. —