

Brightest and Best

music: Star in the East

from Southern Harmony, 1835

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1.,5. Brigh - test and best of the stars of the mor - ning, dawn on our
 2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shi - ning, low lies his
 3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, o - dors of
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion, vain - ly with

dark - ness, and lend us thine aid. Star of the east, the ho ri - zon a -
 head with the beasts of the stall. An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re -
 E - dom, and of - frings di - vine, gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the
 gifts would his fa - vor se - cure. Rich - er by far is the heart's a - do -

dor - ning, guide where our in - fant re - dee - mer is laid. Brightest and best of the
 cli - ning, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - viour of all.
 o - cean, myrrh from the fo - rest, and gold from the mine?
 ra - tion, dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

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