**As with gladness men of old (AHB 239)**

**Intro 4 bars + 2 beats**

**Verse 1**

**As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your glory see (2,3,4)**

**Verse 2**

**As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to your lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
One whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy-seat. (2,3,4)**

**Verse 3**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
At your cradle, rough and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,**

**Christ, to you, our heavenly King! (2,3,4)**

**Verse 4**

**Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past.  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,**

**Where no clouds your glory hide. (2,3,4)**

**Verse 5**

**In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
You its light, its joy, its crown,  
You its sun which goes not down.  
There forever may we sing Hallelujas to our King!**