

Earth has many a noble city

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 4/2 time signature. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

The second system of musical notation continues from the first system, starting with a measure rest marked with a '5' above the treble clef. It follows the same two-staff format and concludes with a double bar line and a fermata.

**Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.**

**Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.**

**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.**

**Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped
at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.**

**Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius