

# Star of the East

## A Christmas Carol for SATB Choir

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Star of the East, Oh Bethlehem's star,  
Guiding us on to Heaven afar!  
Sorrow and grief and lull'd by thy light,  
Thou hope of each mortal, in death's lonely night!

Star of the East, thou hope of the soul,  
While round us here the dark billows roll,  
Lead us from sin to glory afar,  
Thou star of the East, thou sweet Bethlehem's star.

(George Cooper, 1890)

**Adagio affettuoso** ( $\text{♩} = 60$ )

Musical score for the first section of the carol, featuring four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp. The vocal parts are written on separate staves, and the lyrics are placed below each staff. Measure numbers 1 through 8 are indicated above the staves. Dynamics are marked with *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The music consists of eighth-note patterns with occasional rests and short melodic phrases.

Soprano (S): Star of the east, o Beth - le - hem star, guid - ing us on to Heav - en a - far,

Alto (A): Star of the east, o Beth - le - hem star, guid - ing us on to Heav - en a - far,

Tenor (T): Star of the east, o Beth - le - hem star, guid - ing us on to Heav - en a - far,

Bass (B): Star of the east, o Beth - le - hem star, guid - ing us on to Heav - en a - far,

Musical score for the second section of the carol, continuing from measure 9. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are shown on separate staves in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics describe the star's guiding light and its effect on mortals. Measure numbers 9 through 12 are indicated above the staves. The music features eighth-note patterns and rests, with dynamics marked by short vertical lines.

Soprano (S): sor - row and grief and lull'd by thy light, thou hope of each mor-tal in death's lone - ly

Alto (A): sor - row and grief and lull'd by thy light, thou hope of each mor-tal in death's lone - ly

Tenor (T): sor - row and grief and lull'd by thy light, thou hope of each mor-tal in death's lone - ly

Bass (B): sor - row and grief and lull'd by thy light, thou hope of each mor-tal in death's lone - ly

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

**p** night, in death's lone - ly night. **mf** Star of the east, thou hope of the soul, while round us

**mf** night. Star of the east, star of the east, thou hope of the soul,

**p** night, in death's lone - ly night. **mf** Star of the east, thou hope of the soul, while round us

**mf** night. Star of the east, star of the east, thou hope of the soul,

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

**f** here the dark bil-lows roll, **mp** lead us from sin to glo-ry a - far, thou

**f** while round us here, the dark bil-lows roll, **mp** lead us from sin to glo-ry a - far, thou star of the

**f** here the dark bil-lows roll, **mp** lead us from sin to glo-ry a - far, thou

**f** while round us here, the dark bil-lows roll, **mp** lead us from sin to glo-ry a - far, thou star of the

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

**p** star of the east, **pp** thou sweet Beth - le-hem's star.

**p** east, **pp** thou sweet Beth - le-hem's star.

**p** star of the east, **pp** thou sweet Beth - le-hem's star.

**p** east, **pp** thou sweet Beth - le-hem's star.