

# THE NEW WESTMINSTER HYMNAL

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## EPIPHANY

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The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The music is written in a style typical of early modern hymnals, with many notes beamed together and some rests. There are two fermatas above the first and second systems.

*Quae stella sole pulchrior.*

**W**HAT star is this with beams so bright,  
Which shame the sun's less radiant light?  
'Tis sent t'announce a new-born King,  
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

**2** 'Tis now fulfilled as God decreed,  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed":  
And lo! the eastern sages stand  
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

**3** While outward signs the star displays,  
An inward light the Lord conveys,  
And urges them with force benign  
To seek the Giver of the sign.

**4** Impatient love knows no delay;  
Through toil and danger lies their way,  
And yet their home, their friends, their all.  
They leave at once at God's high call.

**5** O while the star of heavenly grace  
Invites us, Lord, to seek thy face,  
Let not our stubborn hearts defy  
The light that beckons from on high.

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