We Three Kings

🎵 sing along

1 Listen and sing.

VERSE 1

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse *afar*,
Field and **fountain**, **moor** and mountain,
Following *yonder* star.

🎶 CHORUS

O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

VERSE 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

VERSE 3

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity *nigh*;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshipping God on high.

2 Look at these words from the song.



gold

Gold is very expensive.



frankincense

Frankincense smells sweet.



fountain

There is a fountain in the park.



moor

A moor is wild, open land.

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✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

beauty | gifts | kings | light | mountain | star | three

VERSE 1

We _____ _____ of Orient are;

Bearing _____ we traverse *afar*,

Field and fountain, moor and _____,

Following *yonder* _____.

🎶 CHORUS

O _____ *of wonder, star of* _____,

Star with royal _____ *bright,*

Westward leading, still proceeding,

Guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Look and write.



We are three _____.



We have _____.



Follow the _____.



It is a big _____.

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✏️ listen and write: harder

1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

We three kings of Orient are;

_____ gifts we _____ *afar*,

Field and _____, _____ and mountain,

Following _____ star.

VERSE 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's _____,

Gold I bring to _____ Him again,

King _____, ceasing never,

Over us all to _____.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	Bearing gifts	☐
2	we traverse afar	☐
3	yonder star	☐
4	ceasing never	☐
5	to reign	☐

TODAY

A	to be king
B	It never stops.
C	We travel a long way.
D	that star over there
E	carrying presents

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💬 from the song to real life

1 Read. Cover one side and say the other.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

IN THE SONG		YOU CAN SAY TODAY
1	We three kings	There are three of us.
2	Bearing gifts	What gifts did you bring?
3	we traverse afar	We traveled a long way to get here.
4	Following yonder star	Let's follow that car over there.
5	Guide us	Can you show us the way?

2 And you? Write two true sentences.

I brought ... . We traveled to ... .

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📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

John Henry Hopkins Jr., an American minister, wrote the words and music around **1857** for a Christmas play in New York.

The Bible talks about wise men and three gifts. It does not say that there were three men, or that they were kings. That comes from later tradition.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

			
the wise men	**the star**	**gold**	**frankincense**
The wise men follow the star.	The star shines over Bethlehem.	Gold is a gift for a king.	Frankincense smells sweet when it burns.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ MATTHEW 2:2 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

In simple words: The wise men asked: "Where is the new King? We saw his star and came to see him."

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 John Hopkins wrote it for a _____.

2 The Bible talks about three _____.

3 The wise men saw a _____.

4 Gold is a gift for a _____.