EARTH HAS MANY A NOBLE CITY

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1. Earth has many a noble city;
2. Fairer than the sun at morning
3. Eastern sages at his cradle
4. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
5. Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped

Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
Out of thee the kings
God announcing Seen in fleshly form on earth.
deep devotion, Gold and frankincense and myrrh.
kings proclaimed, Myrrh his sepulcher fore-shows.
God the Father And the Spirit, glory be.