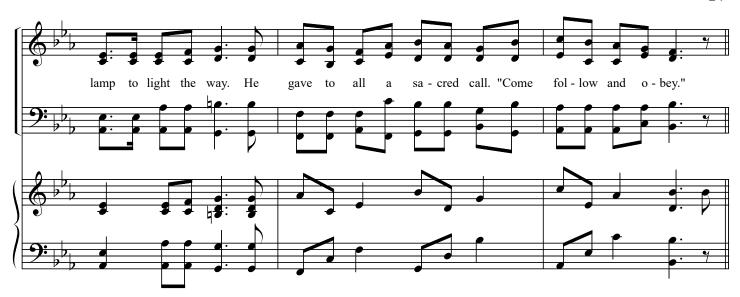
Narrator II: The King had indeed been born, and all within the gates of heaven rejoiced over this great moment. Even the elements of the earth bowed to their creator. For on this first night of promise, one star blazed out in glory as a beacon to the faithful and as a testimony of the Son of God.

Narrator I: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? (*music begins*) for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (*Matthew 2:1-2*)

OH,STARSATB, Alto & Tenor Duet with Flute







Narrator II: Choir goes on to the "oohs" as narration continues.) Far from Bethlehem in a promised land half a world away, lived other people who also looked eagerly for this great event to occur. Their prophets also spoke of a Savior, to be born of a virgin. (music ends)



Narrator I: And now it came to pass that Samuel, the Lamanite, did prophesy...Behold, I give unto you a sign; ...five years more...and then cometh the Son of God...And...in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness...Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night...and it shall be the night before he is born. (*Music begins*.) And behold, there shall be a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld." (*Helaman 14*)





Narrator II: (after song finishes) Five years passed, and the people of this choice land were bitterly divided over whether or not the sign would come. With each passing day, the doubters grew more wicked and fearsome, while the believers increased in faith.

Narrator I: There were some who began to rejoice over their brethren, saying: Behold the time is past, and the words of Samuel are not fulfilled; therefore, your joy and your faith concerning this thing hath been vain...

Narrator I: Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers, that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass, which had been given by Samuel the prophet.

When Nephi...saw this wickedness...his heart was exceedingly sorrowful, And...he went out and bowed himself down upon the earth, and cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people, yea, those who were about to be destroyed because of their faith...(music begins)

And behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying; Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world; (*choir begins*)

And it came to pass that at the going down of the sun there was no darkness...in all that night, but it was a light as though it was mid-day. And it came to pass that the sun did rise in the morning again, according to its proper order; and they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given. And it came to pass that a new star did appear, according to the word. (3 Nephi 1)



