

# O Chief of Cities Bethlehem

EPIPHANY

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413). v. 1,2,4 Translated by N. B. Smithers, 1879,  
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Music: 'Puer Nobis Nascitur' Michael Praetorius, 1609.

Setting: George Ratcliffe Woodward for "The English Hymnal", 1906.

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♩ = 120

1. O chief of ci - - ties, Beth - - le - hem, Of Da - - vid's  
2. Be - yond the sun in splen - - dor bright, A - bove you  
3. The wise men, see - - ing Him so fair, Bow low be -  
4. The gold - en tri - - bute owns Him King, But frank - - in -  
5. O Je - sus, whom the Gen - - tiles see, With Fa - - ther,

crown the fair - est gem, But more to us than  
stands a won - drous light Pro - claim - - ing from the  
fore Him, and with prayer Their trea - - sured east - - ern  
cense to God they bring, And last, pro - phe - - tic  
Spi - - rit, One in Three: To You, O God, be

Da - vid's name, In you, as man, the Sa - - vior came.  
con - scious skies That here, in flesh, the God - - head lies.  
gifts un - - fold Of in - cense, myrrh, and ro - - yal gold.  
sign, with myrrh, They sha - dow forth His se - - pul - cher.  
glo - ry giv'n By saints on earth and saints in Heav'n.