



FOLLOW THE STAR

A Responsive Reading, by Bill Knott

Readers: We're not all wise;
We're not all men.
We hail from North and South,
From West—and East—
With just a star in common.

All: We seek the Star arising out of Jacob.

Readers: “Not many of you were wise by human standards,
Not many were powerful,
Not many were of noble birth.
But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
God chose what is low and despised in the world,
Things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,
So that no one might boast in the presence of God.
He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
Who became for us wisdom from God,
And righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”
(1 Corinthians 1:26-30)

**All: We have walked too long in darkness—
Stumbling, stretching toward the light.**

Readers: “In Him was life,
And the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness did not overcome it...

Readers: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world,
And the world came into being through Him;
Yet the world did not know Him.
He came to what was His own,
And His own people did not accept Him.
But to all who received Him,
Who believed in His name,
He gave power to become children of God,
Who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man,
But of God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
And we have seen His glory,
The glory as of a father's only son,
Full of grace and truth. . . .
From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
(John 1:4-5; 9-14, 16)

**All: We seek the Star who is a Son—
of God, of man,
Who knows our pain,
Our loss, our dirt;
And loves us still;
Befriends us still;
Redeems us still.
On us this Sun of righteousness will rise,
With healing, wholeness, grace, shalom.**

Readers: We're not all wise;
We're not all men.
We hail from North and South,
From West—and East—
With one bright Son among us.

(Congregation sing together)

And by the light of that same Star three Wise - men
came from coun - try far, To seek for a King was
their in - tent, And to fol - low the Star wher - ev - er it went.
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,
seek the King of Is - ra - el.

All: We will seek the Star until we've found the Light.


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