

Bright Morning Stars

Traditional

Melody

The musical score consists of two parts: Melody and Harmony. Both parts are written in treble clef and common time (indicated by a '3'). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a dotted half note. The lyrics begin with 'Bright mor - ning stars are ri - sing,' followed by a repeat sign. The melody continues with eighth-note patterns and lyrics like 'Bright mor - ning stars are ri - sing,' 'Bright mor - ning stars are ri - sing,' and 'sing. Day - is a - brea-kin' in my soul.' The harmony part follows a similar pattern, starting with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a dotted half note. Its lyrics include 'Bright mor - ning stars are ri - sing,' 'Bright mor - ning stars are ri - sing,' and 'sing. Day - is a - brea-kin' in my soul.'

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Harmony

18

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1. Bright morning stars are rising....

Day is a-breakin' in my soul.

2. Oh, where are our dear mothers...

3. Some have gone to heaven shouting...

4. Some are in the valley praying...

Nixtayolero

(Bright Morning Stars)

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Nix-ta-yo-le - ro a - pa - re - ce,

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nix-ta-yo-le - ro a - pa - re - ce,

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nix-ta-yo-le - ro a - pa - re - ce,

29
es - tre - llas a - ma-ne-cen en mi ser

Nixtayolero aparece...

Estrellas amanecen en mi ser

Bright morning stars are rising

Day is a-breakin' in my soul

Nixtayolero comes from the Nahuatl Indian language of Nicaragua. It means "morning star." The Spanish word for star is *estrella*.

This song is a hymn and comes from our Appalachian mountains. I translated it into Spanish with the help of friends from Nicaragua.