



## **We Three Kings** 5:10

from the Robert Irving III album  
New Momentum  
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Track ISRC: USECXO711993

Robert Irving III piano/arranger/producer  
Ernie Adams-drums  
Marlene Rosenberg-bass

Co-Producer-Terri Lyne Carrington

*High Energy, Hard Swinging, Modern Element with Edgy Piano and Drum solos. Despite the edge, there are surprise moments of quiet dynamic contrast*

**Note: This 2021 version has been tight edited for a faster track start and trail.**

**Robert Irving III's** 2007 release of **New Momentum** initiated the inauguration of the Sonic Portraits Jazz label. At that time, the label was an Atlanta based LLC co-founded by drummer Terri Lyne Carrington (whose first and second albums had been produced by Irving). In-kind, Irving made her co-producer of New Momentum. This album quickly shifted the perception of fans from a younger Robert Irving III as being purley an electronic keyboardist focused in jazz fusion. Jazz critic Dan Ouellette wrote,

*"Conspicuously absent as a leader since serving as Miles Davis' fusion-oriented musical director in the '80s, Robert Irving III returns in dramatic fashion on "New Momentum," the premiere release for indie Sonic Portraits. What's so remarkable about Irving's return from obscurity is the fresh, vital sound, spurred by his pianistic dynamism, and infused with an imaginative improvisational approach that encompasses dancing tempo shifts and harmonic curves..." – April 7, 2007*

**We Three Kings** originally intended as a free holiday download, was not intended to be on the album. Carrington insisted on adding it along with one of her favorite Irving compositions, **Havilah**. Buster Williams had recorded on New York sessions. By this time, back in his hometown of Chicago, Irving enlisted Marlene Rosenberg, also pairing her with Ernie Adams on drums. She and Buster Williams share a mutual friendship and and respect. Subsequently the work of the two bassists is practically seamless on this album.



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