

Tempo: ♩ = 104

# The First Nowell

Count-off: "One - Two"

Traditional French/English

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say  
2. They look - ed up in and saw a star  
3. Then en - ter'd in those wise men three,

Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
Shin - ing in the East be - yond them far.  
Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee,

In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
And to the earth there, it gave great light,  
And of - fer'd there, in His pre - sence,

On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

## Refrain

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with the lyrics "Now - ell, \_\_\_\_ Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, \_\_\_\_". The piano accompaniment features a bass line with a melodic motif and a treble line with chords. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "Born is the King \_\_\_\_ of Is - ra - el." and the piano accompaniment with chords and a bass line. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4.

**System 1:**

Vocal: Now - ell, \_\_\_\_ Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, \_\_\_\_

Piano: A<sup>7</sup> D Bm F<sup>#</sup>m D G D A

**System 2:**

Vocal: Born is the King \_\_\_\_ of Is - ra - el.

Piano: Bm D G D Bm A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D