

# The First Noël

Traditional English Carol

Arranged by John Stainer (1840-1901)

1. The first No - ël the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor  
 2. They look - ed up - and saw a star, Shining in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O - ver Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay  
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it  
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was  
 - hem it took its rest, And there it did both

keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 stop - and stay Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*

No - ël, No - ël, No - ël, No - ël, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,  
 Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
 And offer'd there, in His presence,  
 Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
*Refrain*

6. Then let us all with one accord  
 Sing praises to our heav'ly Lord,  
 That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,  
 And with His Blood mankind hath bought.  
*Refrain*