

# The First Noël

Traditional English Carol

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1. The first No - ël the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shin - ing 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'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,  
And with His Blood mankind hath bought.  
*Refrain*