

The first Nowell

Words and music: English traditional, arranged by John Stainer (1840-1901)

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shi - ning
3. And by the light of that same star three
4. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing

TENOR
BASS

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cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in the east, be - yond them far; and to the
wise men came from coun - try far; to seek for a
prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord that hath made

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they lay keep - ing their sheep on a cold win - ter's night that
earth it gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both
King was their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher -
heav'n and earth of nought, and with his blood man -

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was so deep.
day and night. No - well! No - well! No - well! No -
- ev - er it went.
- kind hath bought.

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- well! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!



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