

9¾. The first Nowell

Arranged by John Stainer

1. The_ first_ No - well_ the_ an - gels did say was to
2. They look - ed____
3. And by____ the____
4. Then let____ us____

The first system of musical notation for 'The first Nowell'. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: '1. The_ first_ No - well_ the_ an - gels did say was to', '2. They look - ed____', '3. And by____ the____', and '4. Then let____ us____'.

5 cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
10 they_ lay_ kee - ping their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night_ that
15 was_ so deep. No - well, No - well! No - well, No -
20 well! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The second system of musical notation, starting at measure 5. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: '5 cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where', '10 they_ lay_ kee - ping their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night_ that', '15 was_ so deep. No - well, No - well! No - well, No -', and '20 well! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.'.