

CHRISTMAS  
**The First Noël**

Traditional

Traditional French (18th Century)

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1. The first No - èl the an - gel did say, Was to certain 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'er Beth - le -  
 5. Then en - ter'd in those Wise-men three, Full\_ rev - 'rent -  
 6. Then let\_ us all with one\_ ac - cord, Sing prais - es

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shepherds 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  
 ly\_ on bend - ed knee, And of - fer'd there in\_ -  
 to\_ our Heav - en - ly Lord, That hath\_ made Heav'n and

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keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was\_ so deep.  
 gave\_great light, And so it con - tinued both day\_ and night.  
 their in - tent, And to fol-low the star where e'er\_ it went.  
 stop\_ and stay Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 His\_ pres - ence, Their gold\_ and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
 earth of naught, And with\_ His Blood man - kind\_ hath bought.

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*ff* No - èl,\_ No - èl, No - èl,\_ Born is the King of Is - ra - el.