

## The First Nowell

## Verses

1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say,  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3. And by the light of that same star  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,  
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord

1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;  
 3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,  
 6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;

1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
 2. And to the earth it gave great light,  
 3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4. And there it did both stop and stay,  
 5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,  
 6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore

1. On a cold win - ter's night \_\_\_ that was \_\_\_ so deep.  
 2. And \_\_\_ so it con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_ and night.  
 3. And to fol - low the star \_\_\_ wher - ev - er it went.  
 4. Right \_\_\_ o - ver the place \_\_\_ where Je - sus lay.  
 5. Their \_\_\_ gold \_\_\_ and myrrh \_\_\_ and frank - in - cense.  
 6. And \_\_\_ Spir - it blest \_\_\_ for ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, adapt.  
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL; Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; arr. by John Stainer, 1840-1901.