

The first Nowell

Traditional

mf

1. The first Now - ell the An-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in

mf

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is marked *mf*. The lyrics are: "1. The first Now - ell the An-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in".

fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a".

CHORUS

ff

cold win-ter's night that was so deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now-

ff

Musical notation for the third system, starting the chorus. The lyrics are: "cold win-ter's night that was so deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now-". The chorus is marked *ff*.

- ell, Now - ell Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Musical notation for the fourth system, concluding the piece. The lyrics are: "- ell, Now - ell Born is the King of Is - ra - el."

2.

They looked up and saw a Star,
Shining in the East, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, &c.

3.

And by the light of that same Star,
Three Wisemen came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the Star wherever it went.
Nowell, &c.

4.

This Star drew night to the north-west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, &c.

5.

Then entered in those Wisemen three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in His Presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, &c.

6.

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord,
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
And with His Blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, &c.