

THE FIRST NOWELL

VERSES

1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say, Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
3. And by the light of that same star Three
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

1. cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
2. in the east, be - yond them far; And to the
3. wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
4. Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it
5. rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee, And of - fered
6. prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord; Who with the

1. they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that
2. earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both
3. king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher -
4. did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where
5. there, in his pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and
6. Fa - ther we a - dore And Spir - it blest for

REFRAIN

1. was so deep. No - well, No - well, No - well, No -
2. day and night.
3. ev - er it went.
4. Je - sus lay.
5. frank - in - cense.
6. ev - er - more.

well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Note: "Nowell" is the English-language spelling of the French "noël" and is original to this English carol.

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 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.