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Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL (Irregular) Text: Traditional

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - èd up and saw a star shin - ing 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 - tered in those wise men three full rev - er - ent -
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields as 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 up - on their knee, and of - fered there in
 to our heav - en - ly Lord; that hath made heav'n and

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - 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 nought, and with his blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain:

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