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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

Musical notation for the first stanza, featuring two staves: Treble and Bass. The music consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, primarily in common time.

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

Musical notation for the second stanza, continuing the melody from the first stanza.

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.

Musical notation for the third stanza, concluding the main body of the hymn.

Refrain:

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

Musical notation for the Refrain, featuring two staves: Treble and Bass. The music consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, primarily in common time.