

# The First Nowell

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harm. John Stainer, alt.

1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor  
2. They look - ed 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 -

shep - herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep - ing their  
east be yond as they far, and the earth it gave great  
came from coun - try far. To seek for a king was their in -  
hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and  
ly up on their knee, and of - fered there in His pre -

sheep on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. Now - ell, Now -  
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
tent, and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
sence their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

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