

THE FIRST NOWELL.

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1 The first Now - ell the an - gel did say

The first system of musical notation for 'The First Nowell'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics '1 The first Now - ell the an - gel did say' are written below the treble staff.

Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics 'Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;' are written below the treble staff.

In fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics 'In fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,' are written below the treble staff.

On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics 'On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.' are written below the treble staff.

Carols.

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el. A - men.

- 2 They lookèd 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, etc.
- 3 And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, etc.
- 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, etc.
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, etc.
- 6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, etc.

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