

# The First Noel

CHRISTMAS

Words: Traditional English carol, possibly dating from as early as the 13th Century.  
 Music: 'The First Noel' Traditional English carol, possibly dating from as early as the 13th Century.  
 Setting: "The Methodist Sunday School Hymnal", 1911.  
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♩ = 100

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the east,  
 3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, Ov - er Beth - le - hem  
 5. Then did they know as - sur - - ed - ly With - - in that house

in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay tend - ing their sheep,  
 be - yond them far; And to the earth it gave great light,  
 from coun - - try far; To seek for a King was their in - - tent,  
 it took its rest; And there it did both stop and stay,  
 the King did lie; One en - - tered it them for to see,

On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 And so it con - - tin - ued both day and night.  
 And to fol - low the star wher - - ev - - er it went.  
 Right ov - er the place where Je - - - sus lay.  
 And found the Babe in pov - - - er - - ty.

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - - ra - el.