

# The First Nowell

traditional English, 18th cent.

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harm. John Stainer, alt.



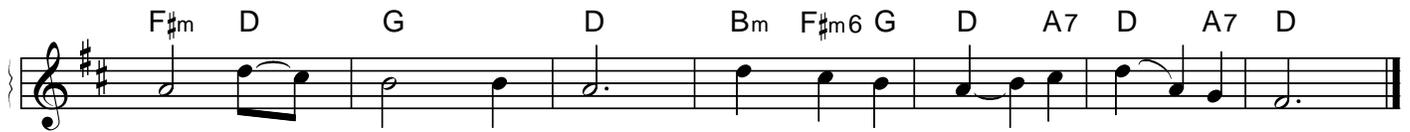
1. The first Now - ell, the an-gel did say, was to cer-tain poor  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, full rev - er - ent -



shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing their  
 east be - yond them far, and to 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.