

The First Nowell

Traditional

mf

1. The First Now - ell the An - gel did say, Was to

The first system of musical notation for 'The First Nowell'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of D major. The melody is marked *mf*. The lyrics are: '1. The First Now - ell the An - gel did say, Was to'.

5

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where

The second system of musical notation, starting at measure 5. The lyrics are: 'cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where'.

10

they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that

The third system of musical notation, starting at measure 10. The lyrics are: 'they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that'.

15

CHORUS *ff*

was so deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -

The fourth system of musical notation, starting at measure 15. It is marked 'CHORUS' and *ff*. The lyrics are: 'was so deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -'.

20

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

The fifth system of musical notation, starting at measure 20. The lyrics are: 'ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.'.

2. They looked 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, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

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.

4. This Star drew nigh to the North-West,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

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.

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.