

The First Nowell

♩ = 108 D D Bm A Em D F#m G D G A7

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star, shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 D C#dim7 D G C#dim D A7 D A7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 D Bm Asus A Em D F#m G D G A7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
 to seek the earth it was gave great lights, and
 seek a king was their in - tent, and to

Words: English carol

Music: William Sandy's Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern, 1833, harmony by John Stainer, 1840-1901

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 Irregular with refrain

The First Nowell - 2

14

D C#dim7 D G C#dim D A7 D A7

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No -
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

18

D Bm F#m D G D A D G D C#dim D A7 D

-well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the king of Is - ra - el.

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♩ = 108 D♭ D♭ B♭ m A♭ E♭ m D♭ Fm G♭ D♭ G♭ A♭ 7

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star, shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 D♭ Cdim7 D♭ G♭ Cdim D♭ A♭ 7 D♭ A♭ 7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 D♭ B♭ m A♭ sus A♭ E♭ m D♭ Fm G♭ D♭ G♭ A♭ 7

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fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

18

D \flat B \flat m Fm D \flat G \flat D \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat D \flat Cdim D \flat A \flat 7 D \flat

- well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the king of Is - ra - el.

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 in the east be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 C# A#m G#sus G# D#m C# E#m F# C# F# G#7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
 to seek the a king it was gave their great in - tent, and
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C# A#m E#m C# F# C# G# C# F# C# B#dim C# G#7 C#

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 3. And by the light of that same star, three

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 in the east be yond them far, and
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fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
 to seek the a king it was gave their great lights, and
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1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star, shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 C^b B^b dim7 C^b F^b B^b dim C^b G^b 7 C^b G^b 7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 C^b A^b m G^b sus G^b D^b m C^b E^b m F^b C^b F^b G^b 7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
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C \flat B \flat dim7 C \flat F \flat B \flat dim C \flat G \flat 7 C \flat G \flat 7

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No -
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

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C \flat A \flat m E \flat m C \flat F \flat C \flat G \flat C \flat F \flat C \flat B \flat dim C \flat G \flat 7 C \flat

-well, No - well, No - well, No-well, bornis the king of Is - ra - el.

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 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 B A#dim7 B E A#dim B F#7 B F#7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east in be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 B G#m F#sus F# C#m B D#m E B E F#7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
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B G#m D#m B E B F# B E B A#dim B F#7 B

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1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star, shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 B♭ Adim7 B♭ E♭ Adim B♭ F7 B♭ F7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 B♭ Gm Fsus F Cm B♭ Dm E♭ B♭ E♭ F7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
 to seek the a earth king it was gave their great in - lights, and
 seek a king was their in - tent, and to

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fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

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B \flat Gm Dm B \flat E \flat B \flat F B \flat E \flat B \flat Adim B \flat F7 B \flat

-well, No - well, No - well, No-well, born is the king of Is - ra - el.

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♩ = 108 A A F#m E Bm A C#m D A D E7

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star, shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 A G#dim7 A D G#dim A E7 A E7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond as them far, far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 A F#m Esus E Bm A C#m D A D E7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
 to seek the a earth king it was gave great lights, and
 seek a king was their in - tent, and to

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A G#dim7 A D G#dim A E7 A E7

cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

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A F#m C#m A D A E A D A G#dim A E7 A

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1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
 2. They look - ed up light and saw a star, shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 A♭ Gdim7 A♭ D♭ Gdim A♭ E♭7 A♭ E♭7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 A♭ Fm E♭ sus E♭ B♭m A♭ Cm D♭ A♭ D♭ E♭7

fields to seek where the a king lay it was keep - ing their great in - tent, sheep, lights, and on a and to

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A \flat Gdim7 A \flat D \flat Gdim A \flat E \flat 7 A \flat E \flat 7

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
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fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

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A \flat Fm Cm A \flat D \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat A \flat Gdim A \flat E \flat 7 A \flat

- well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the king of Is - ra - el.

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 in the east be yond them far, and
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6 G♭ Fdim7 G♭ C♭ Fdim G♭ D♭ 7 G♭ D♭ 7

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 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

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G \flat E \flat m B \flat m G \flat C \flat G \flat D \flat G \flat C \flat G \flat Fdim G \flat D \flat 7 G \flat

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F# D#m A#m F# B F# C# F# B F# E#dim F# C#7 F#

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 3. And by the light of that same star, three

6 F Edim7 F B♭ Edim F C7 F C7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond as they lay, far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 F Dm Csus C Gm F Am B♭ F B♭ C7

fields to seek where the they earth lay keep - ing their sheep, on a
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cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 E C#m Bsus B F#m E G#m A E A B7

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6 E♭ Ddim7 E♭ A♭ Ddim E♭ B♭ 7 E♭ B♭ 7

cer - tain poor shep - herds, in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be yond them far, and
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E \flat Cm Gm E \flat A \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat Ddim E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

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