

The First Nowell

♩ = 108 B♭ B♭ Gm F Cm B♭ Dm E♭ B♭ E♭ F7

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 earth it gave great lights, and
 seek a king was their in - tent, and to

14 B♭ Adim7 B♭ E♭ Adim B♭ F7 B♭ F7

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

18 B♭ Gm Dm B♭ E♭ B♭ F B♭ E♭ B♭ Adim B♭ F7 B♭

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

Words: English carol

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

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 Irregular with refrain