

# The First Nowell

♩ = 108   G♭   G♭   E♭ m   D♭   A♭ m   G♭   B♭ m C♭   G♭   C♭ D♭ 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   G♭   Fdim7   G♭   C♭   Fdim   G♭   D♭ 7   G♭   D♭ 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   G♭   E♭ m   D♭ sus D♭   A♭ m   G♭   B♭ m C♭   G♭   C♭ D♭ 7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a  
 to seek the a king it was gave their great in - 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 Steainer, 1840-1901

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 Irregular with refrain

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G $\flat$  Fdim7 G $\flat$  C $\flat$  Fdim G $\flat$  D $\flat$ 7 G $\flat$  D $\flat$ 7

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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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 $\flat$

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