

The First Nowell

♩ = 108 F F Dm C Gm F Am B♭ F B♭ C7

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 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 them far, and
 ma - gi came from coun - try far; to

10 F Dm Csus C Gm F Am B♭ F B♭ C7

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 F Edim7 F B♭ Edim F C7 F C7

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 F Dm Am F B♭ F C F B♭ F Edim F C7 F

-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