

The First Nowell

♩ = 108 C# C# A#m G# D#m C# E#m F# C# F# G#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 C# B#dim7 C# F# B#dim C# G#7 C# G#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# 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
 seek a king it was gave their great 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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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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C# A#m E#m C# F# C# G# C# F# C# B#dim C# G#7 C#

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