

# The First Nowell

♩ = 108    C<sup>b</sup>    C<sup>b</sup>    A<sup>b</sup> m    G<sup>b</sup>    D<sup>b</sup> m    C<sup>b</sup>    E<sup>b</sup> m F<sup>b</sup>    C<sup>b</sup>    F<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup>    B<sup>b</sup> dim7 C<sup>b</sup>    F<sup>b</sup>    B<sup>b</sup> dim C<sup>b</sup>    G<sup>b</sup> 7    C<sup>b</sup>    G<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup>    A<sup>b</sup> m    G<sup>b</sup> sus G<sup>b</sup>    D<sup>b</sup> m    C<sup>b</sup>    E<sup>b</sup> m F<sup>b</sup>    C<sup>b</sup>    F<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup> 7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a  
 to seek the a earth it 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 Steainer, 1840-1901

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THE FIRST NOWELL  
 Irregular with refrain

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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.