

# The First Nowell

♩ = 108 F# F# D#m C# G#m F# A#m B F# B C#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 F# E#dim7 F# B E#dim F# C#7 F# C#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 F# D#m C#sus C# G#m F# A#m B F# B C#7

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a  
 to seek the earth it was gave their great lights, and  
 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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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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F# D#m A#m F# B F# C# F# B F# E#dim F# C#7 F#

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