

# The First Nowell

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

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    B    A#dim7 B    E    A#dim B    F#7    B    F#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.

18    B    G#m    D#m B    E    B    F# B    E    B    A#dim B    F#7 B

- 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