

# 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 earth it gave great lights, and  
 seek a king was their in - tent, and to

14 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

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 C<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> m E<sup>b</sup> m C<sup>b</sup> F<sup>b</sup> C<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup> C<sup>b</sup> F<sup>b</sup> C<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> dim C<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup> 7 C<sup>b</sup>

- 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