

# The first nowell

Trad.

English traditional  
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Soprano  
Tenor  
Alto  
Bass

The first no - well the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;

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In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.

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No - well, no - well, no - well, no - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

2. They lookèd | up and | saw a | star  
Shi|ning in the | east be|yond them | far;  
And | to the | earth it | gave great | light,  
And | so it con|tinued both | day and night.

3. And | by the | light of | that same | star  
Three | Wise Men | came from | country | far.  
To | seek for a | king was | their in|tent,  
And to | follow the | star wher|ever it | went.

4. The | star drew | nigh to | the north -|west:  
Over | Bethle|hem it | took its | rest;  
And | there it | did both | stop and | stay,  
Right | over the | house where | Jesus | lay.

5. Then | did they | know as|surèd|ly  
With|in that | house the | King did | lie;  
One | entered | in then | for to | see,  
And | found the | babe in po|verty.

6. Then | entered | in those | Wise Men | three  
Full | reverent|ly up|on their | knee,  
And | offered | there, in | his pre|sence,  
Their | gold, and | myrrh, and fran|kincense.

7. Bet|ween an | ox - stall | and an ass  
This | child there | borned | surely | was;  
For | want of | clothing | they did him | lay  
All | in the | manger, a|mong the | hay.

8. Then | let us | all, with | one ac|cord  
Sing | praises | to our | heavenly | Lord  
Who | hath made | heaven and | earth of | nought,  
And | with his | blood man|kind hath | bought.

9. If | we in our | lifetime | shall do | well  
We | shall be | free from | death and | hell.  
For | God hath pre|parèd | for us | all  
A | resting | place in | gener|al.

[ | shows where barlines fall. ]