

The First Noel

Traditional

French, 18th Century

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1. The first no - el the an - gels did say Was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star, Three Wise - men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le -
 5. Then en - ter'd in those Wise - men three. Full - rev - 'rent -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
 came from coun - try far, To seek for a King
 hem it took its rest, And there it did both
 ly up - on their knee, And of - fer'd there, in

keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 His pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

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

