

# The First Noel

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Moderately (♩ = 112)

1. The first Noel the angel did say, was to  
2. They looked up and saw a star shin - ing  
3. And by the light of that same star three  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o - ver

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in  
in the east, beyond them far; and  
wise men came from coun - try far; to  
Beth - le - hem it took its rest; and

fields where they lay tend - ing their sheep, on a  
to the earth it gave great light, and  
seek for a King was their in - tent, and to  
there it did both stop and stay, right

cold win - ter's night \_\_\_\_\_ that was \_\_\_\_\_ so deep.  
 so it con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_\_\_ and night.  
 fol - low the star \_\_\_\_\_ wher - ev - er it went.  
 o - ver the place \_\_\_\_\_ where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*

No - el, \_\_\_\_\_ No - el, No - el, No - el, \_\_\_\_\_

born is the King \_\_\_\_\_ of Is - ra - el.

## Verse 5

Then did they know assuredly  
 Within that house the King did lie;  
 One entered in them for to see,  
 And found the Babe in poverty.

*Refrain*

## Verse 7

Between an ox stall and an ass,  
 This Child truly there He was;  
 For want of clothing they did Him lay  
 All in a manger, among the hay.

*Refrain*

## Verse 6

Then enter'd in those wise men three,  
 Full reverently upon their knee,  
 And offer'd there in His presence,  
 Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense.

*Refrain*

## Verse 8

Then let us all with one accord  
 Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
 That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,  
 And with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Refrain*

## Verse 9

If we in our time shall do well,  
 We shall be free from death and hell;  
 For God hath prepared for us all  
 A resting place in general.

*Refrain*