


## The first Noel, the angel did say

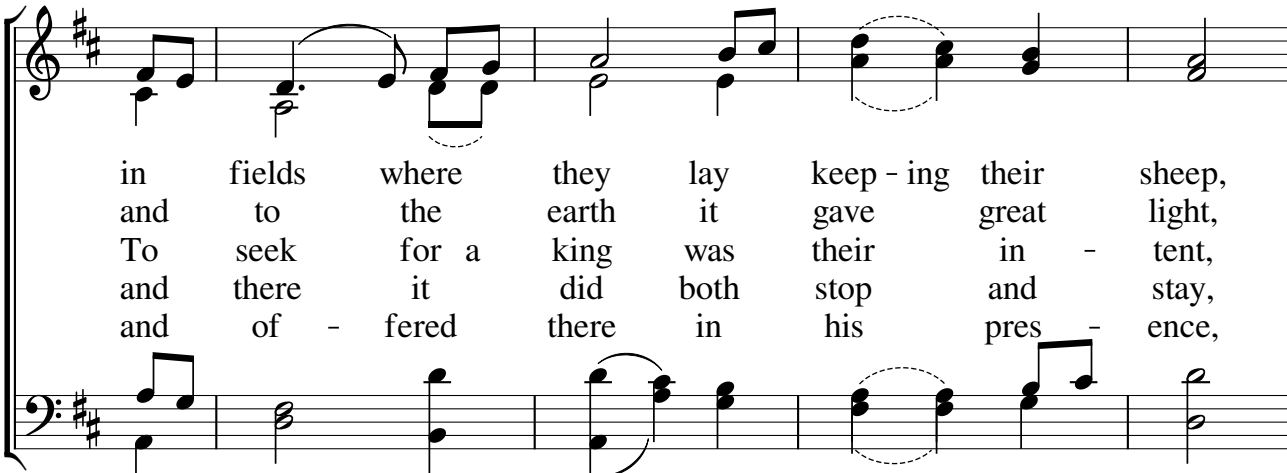
THE FRIST NOEL Irregular with refrain



1 The first No - el, the an - gel did say,  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the North - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three,



was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay -  
 shin - ing in the East, be - yond them far,  
 three wise men came from coun - try far.  
 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,



in fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 To seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 and there it did both stop and stay,  
 and of - fered there in his pres - ence,

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

**Refrain**

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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