

The First Noel

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As the shepherds watch their flocks, an angel appeared. – Luke 2:8

1. The first No - el, the an - gel 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 -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their
 east, be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -
 hem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and

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sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No -
 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

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

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