

The First Noel

Words Written by an Unknown Poet.

English melody, 1833
Arranged by Benjamin Esh

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. Luke 2:8-9*

D Bmin A Emin D G D G

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin -
3. And by the light of that same star Three
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O - ver
5. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

D Emin D G A⁷ D A⁷ D A

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
ing in the east, be - yond them far; And
Wise Men came from coun - try far; To
Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And
prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord That

D Bmin A Emin D G D G

fields where they lay tend - ing their sheep, On a
to the for a King it was gave great in - tent, And a
seek the a King was their in - tent, And to
there it did both stop and stay, Right
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And

D Emin D G A⁷ D A⁷ D

cold, win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
fol - low the star where - e'er it went.
o - ver the place blood where Je - sus lay.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain

A D Bmin A G D

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

1 0 0 0 1 0 3 4 5 6+ 7 6+

0 0 0 1 0 5 3 6 5 5 5 4

2 1 0 1 2 3 4 7 6+ 5 5 4

Bmin G D A⁷ D A D

Born is the King of Is - - ra - el.

5 5 3 0 3 3 0 0 1 0 5 5 4 3 2

5 5 4 5 3 4 5 5 0 3 5 5 4 3 2

7 6+ 5 4 5 6+ 7 4 3 2 7 4 3 2