

The First Noel

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Lo, the star ... came and stood over where the young child was – Matthew 2:9

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to
 2. They look - ed 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'er
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 in the east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
 wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And there it did both
 rev - 'rent ly up - on the knee, And of - fered 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.
 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.

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

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