

# The First Nowell

Traditional

*mf*

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**CHORUS** *ff*

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The piece is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *ff* (fortissimo). The lyrics are: "1. The First Now - ell the An - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el." The score is divided into five systems, with measure numbers 5, 10, 15, and 20 indicated at the beginning of their respective systems.

2. They looked up and saw a Star,  
 Shining in the East, beyond them far,  
 And to the earth it gave great light,  
 And so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
 Born is the King of Israel.*

3. And by the light of that same Star  
 Three wise men came from country far;  
 To seek for a King was their intent,  
 And to follow the Star wherever it went.

4. This Star drew nigh to the North-West,  
 O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
 And there it did both stop and stay,  
 Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,  
 Full reverently upon their knee,  
 And offered there, in His Presence,  
 Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

6. Then let us all with one accord,  
 Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord,  
 That hath made Heaven and earth of naught,  
 And with His Blood mankind hath bought.