

The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, a-keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

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

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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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

Chorus

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.

Chorus

6. Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord.
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.