

The First Noel

French, 18th Century

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The first noel the angels did say Was to certain poor
shep-hers 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.
No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el, Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east, behind them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

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.

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

Then enter'd in those Wisemen three.
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offer'd there, in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.