

84. The First Noel

(♩=84)

4^{prt} 1. The first No - el the an - gel did say
 4^{prt} 2. They look - ed up and saw a star
 1^{son} 3. And by the light of that same star
 1^{son} 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 1^{son} 5. Then en - ter'd in those wise men three,

Instr. Bass: read staff

Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far,
 Three wise men came from coun - try far;
 O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 full re - v'rent - ly up - on their knee,

In fields where they lay, a - keep - ing their sheep,
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 To seek for a king was their in - tent,
 And there it did both stop and stay,
 and of - fer'd there in his pres - ence,

On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense

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Text: Traditional English Carol, 17th cent., in *Carols Ancient and Modern*, 1823.

Tune: Traditional English Carol, 17th cent. arr. John Stainer his *Carols, New and Old*; 1871.

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After Vrs. 1, 3, 5
Refrain 1 (standard)

Musical score for Refrain 1 (standard). The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features SATB vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el." The piano accompaniment includes chords such as A7, D, Bm, F#m, G, and A.

After Vrs. 2, 4, and as tag
Refrain 2 (alternate)

Musical score for Refrain 2 (alternate). The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features SATB vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el." The piano accompaniment includes chords such as A7, D, Bm, A^{SUS}, A, D, G, D^{SUS}, D, and A. The score is arranged by Healey Willan.