

# The First Nowell the Angel Did Say

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1. The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay 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 lookèd 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. **℞.**
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 the knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **℞.**
6. Now let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
who made both heav'n and earth from naught,  
and with his blood salvation has bought. **℞.**