

# The First Noel

*Text: Traditional English carol*

*Music: W. Sandys' "Christmas Carols," 1833; arr. by John Stainer*

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The first Noel, 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.

*Refrain*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

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. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star  
Lo, wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

The wise men entered rev-'rent-ly,  
To worship the Savior on bended knee,  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*