

Traditional English

The first Nowell

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1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
 2. *They* look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4. *This* star drew nigh to the north - west; o'er Beth - le -
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, full rev - 'rent -
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
east be - yond them far; and to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
hem it took its rest, and there it did both
 ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in
 to the heav'n - ly Lord, that hath made heav'n and

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep:
gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night:
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went:
stop and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay:
 his pre - sence their gold and myrrh and fran - kin - cense:
 earth of naught, and with his blood man - kind hath bought:

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el!