



# The First Nowell

*"There were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them... and they were terribly frightened." | Luke 2:8-9*

Traditional English Carol

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♩ = 82

## INTRO/INTERLUDE

D - - | DM7 - - | D<sup>add9</sup> - - | DM7 - -

## VERSE 1

D F#m G D/F#  
**The first Nowell the angel did say**  
 G D/F# Em A7  
**Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;**  
 D F#m G D/F#  
**In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,**  
 G D/F# Em A7  
**On a cold winter's night that was so deep:**

## REFRAIN

G D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell**  
 G D/F# G A Em7 A7 (D)  
**Born is the King— of Is—ra—el.**

## INTERLUDE

## VERSE 2

D F#m G D/F#  
**They looked up and saw a star,**  
 G D/F# Em A7  
**Shining in the east, beyond them far:**  
 D F#m G D/F#  
**And to the earth it gave great light,**  
 G D/F# Em A7  
**And so it continued both day and night:**

## REFRAIN

G D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell**  
 G D/F# G A Em7 A7 (D)  
**Born is the King— of Is—ra—el.**

## INTERLUDE

## VERSE 3

D F#m G D/F#  
**And by the light of that same star,**  
 G D/F# Em A7  
**Three wise men came from country far;**  
 D F#m G D/F#  
**To seek a King was their intent,**  
 G D/F# Em A7  
**And to follow that star wherever it went:**



REFRAIN

G D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A  
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell  
 G D/F# G A Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> (D/F#)  
 Born is the King— of Is—ra—el.

INTERLUDE x2

D/F# - - | - - - | G - - | - - - | D/F# - - | - - - | G - - | - - -

VERSE 4

D F#m G D/F#  
 Then entered in those wise men three,  
 G D/F# Em A<sup>7</sup>  
 Fell reverently upon their knee,  
 D F#m G D/F#  
 And offered there in His presence  
 G D/F# Em A<sup>7</sup>  
 Their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

REFRAIN

G D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A  
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell  
 G D/F# G A Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> (G)  
 Born is the King— of Is—ra—el.

INTERLUDE

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VERSE 5

D F#m G D/F#  
 Now let us all with one accord  
 G D/F# Em A<sup>7</sup>  
 Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
 D F#m G D/F#  
 That hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 G D/F# Em A<sup>7</sup>  
 And with His blood mankind hath bought:

REFRAIN

G D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A  
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell  
 G D/F# G D/F#  
 Born is the King—, Born is the King—  
 G D/F# G A Em A<sup>7</sup> D - - | DM<sup>7</sup> - - | D<sup>add9</sup> - - | DM<sup>7</sup> - - | D  
 Born is the King— of Is—ra—el.