

THE FIRST NOEL

17th Century English Carol
Music from W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*

Moderately slow

Bm D/A G D A7/E D/F# A7 D A7

1. The —

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D Bm A A/G D/F# G D A/G D/F# A7

first — no - el the — an - gel did a say Was to cer - tain poor
2. look - ed — up and — saw — a star Shin - ing in — the
3.-6. (See additional lyrics)

D G A7 D A7 D A7 D Bm A A/G

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In — fields — where — they lay —
East, — be - yond — them far. And — to — the — earth it —

keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night — that was — so
 gave — great light, And — so it con - tin - ued both day — and

Refrain

deep.) No - el, — No - el, No - el, No - el,
 night.)

Born is the King — of Is - ra - el.

2. They —
 3. And —
 4. This — el.
 5. Then —
 6. Then —

Additional Lyrics

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.
Refrain

4. 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

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
 Full rev'rently upon their knee;
 And offered there in His presence,
 Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Refrain

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