

The First Noel

Words and Music: Traditional

Key: Tempo:

VERSE 1

I[3] IV I
The first Noel the angel did say
 IV I V I V I
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

in fields as they lay
IV I IV I V I V I
keeping their sheep on a cold winters night that was so deep.
 IV I vi IV I V I V I
Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

VERSE 2

I[3] IV I
They looked up and saw a star
 IV I V I V I
shining in the east beyond them far,

and to the earth it
IV I IV I V I V I
gave a great light, and so it continued both day and night.
 IV I vi IV I V I V I
Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

VERSE 3

I[3] IV I
The star drew nigh to the northwest
 IV I V I V I
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,

and there it did both
IV I IV I V I V I
stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.
 IV I vi IV I V I V I
Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.