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English carol

The first Nowell the angel did say

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17th-cent. English carol,
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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 as 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 our 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 pres - ence their gold, and myrrh, and fran - kin - cense.
earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

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

born is the King of Is - ra - el.