

# Christmas Carols for Choir

## The First Noel

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♩ = 96

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor  
2. They looked 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 re - verent -  
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prai - ses

6  
shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay  
east be - yond them far; And to the east 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 - en - ly Lord That hath made Heav'n and

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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 - e - ver it went. No - el, No -  
stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
His pres - ence, Both gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
earth of nought, And with his blood man - kind hath bought.

18  
- el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!