

# The First Nowell

English traditional  
(Sandys, 1833)

English Carol  
v.1 harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)  
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One-in-a-bar (♩ = c. 127)

Choir

1 The first No - well the

mf

f

man. ped.

8

an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields as

15

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.

22

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

27 SA *mp*

2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the

sw.

ch. *mp*

man.

33

east be - yond them far, and to the earth it

ped. 8' (and couplers)

38

gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

44 Descant *mf*

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

Melody *mf*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

gt. { *cresc.*

ped. 16'

53 TB *mf nobile*

3 And by the light of that same star three wise men

*mf*

59

came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was

*mf*

64

their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

*cresc.*

70 Descant *mf cresc.*

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

Melody *mf cresc.*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*mf cresc.*

79 SA *mp*

4 This star drew nigh to the north-west, o'er Beth-le-

sw. *mp* ch. man.

85

S. *mf cresc.*  
hem it took its rest, and there it did both

A. *mf cresc.*  
hem it took its rest, Ah,

T. *mf cresc.*  
Ah,

B. *mf cresc.*  
Ah,

gt. { *mf cresc.* ped.

90

*f*

stop and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*f*

where Je - sus lay.

*f*

where Je - sus lay.

*f*

where Je - sus lay.

96

Descant

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

Melody

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

105 TB *f nobilissime*

5 Then en - tered in those wise men three full rev - erent -

*f nobilissime*

111 Descant *f*

of - fered there in

ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in

*cresc.*

116 *cresc.*

his pre - sence, their gold, myrrh, frank - in - cense. —

his pres - ence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*cresc.*

122 **ff**

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, the King of Is - ra -

**ff**

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra -

130 *più f* **poco rall.** **ff** **poco meno mosso**

el, Is - ra - el. 6 Then let all with

el. 6 Then let us all with

*più f* **ff**

**poco rall.** **poco meno mosso**

136

one ac - cord sing prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord;

one ac - cord sing prais - es to our hea'vn - ly Lord; that

142

that hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with his  
hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with his

147

blood man-kind hath bought. No - well, No - well, No -  
blood man-kind hath bought. No - well, No - well, No -

+ ped. reed

153

well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.  
well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

rall.