

## 42. THE FIRST NOWELL

English traditional carol  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

ALL VOICES *mf*

1. The first No-well the an-gel did say Was to

\* PIANO *mf*

(with 8ves ad lib.)

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where

they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a cold win-ter's night that

\*This carol may be sung unaccompanied.

was — so

- well,

S.1 *mp*  
S.2 *mf*  
\* (PIANO)  
2. They  
4. This.

A.1 *mp*  
A.2 *mp*

lost  
east,  
- hem

\*Verses 2 & 4 and/or 3 & 4

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id say Was to  
*see*

n fields where

s night that

east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it  
- hem it took its rest, And there it did both

REFRAIN

was so deep: No - well, No - well, No - well, No -

- well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

S.1  
S.2  
\*  
(PIANO) 2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shi-ning in the  
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west; O'er Beth - le -  
A.1  
A.2

east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it  
- hem it took its rest, And there it did both

\*Verses 2 & 4 and/or 3 & 5 may be sung unaccompanied.

gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night:  
 stop and stay Right ov - er the place where Je - sus lay:

**REFRAIN** *ambrosian*

S.1 *mf* No - well, *ambrosian*  
 S.2 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, *ambrosian*  
 A.1 *mf* Born  
 A.2 *mf* Born  
 PIANO *ad lib.*

*Born*  
 Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

S.1  
 S.2  
 \* (PIANO) *mp* 3. And  
*pp* 5. Then  
 A. *(mf)*

wise me  
 re - v're

To - se  
 And c  
 seek - f  
 of - f

An  
 T  
 fol - low th  
 gold an

**REFRAIN** *mf*  
 No - well,

\*Verses 2 & 4 and/or 3 & 5 may b

and night:  
sus lay:

*ranboudy*  
Jo - well,  
*me!*  
Born

Jo - well,  
Born

ra - el!

*met ringer*

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*mp* 3. And by the light of that same star,  
*pp* 5. Then en - ter'd in those wise men three,

S.1  
S.2  
\* (PIANO)  
A.

Three wise men came from coun - try far;  
Full re - v'rent - ly up - on their knee,  
wise men came from coun - try far; To  
re - v'rent - ly up - on their knee, And.

To seek a king was their in - tent,  
And of - fer'd there in his pre - sence  
seek for a king was their in - tent, And to  
of - fer'd there in his pre - sence Their

And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went:  
Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense:  
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went:  
gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense:

REFRAIN *mf* *Born*  
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the  
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

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*Dal%* for v.4  
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is the King of Is - ra - el!

King, the King of Is - ra - el!

A.1 Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

A.2 Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

ALL VOICES

6. Then let us all with one accord Sing

praises to our heav'n - ly Lord, That

*thoe*

hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And

*thee*

with

S.1 S.2

A.

*REFK*

*ff*

No

*ff*

No

Born

Born

ra - el! *Dal% for v.4 (page 169)*

ra - el!  
ra - el!

- ra - el!

ac - cord Sing -

ly Lord, That.

naught, And -

with his blood man - kind hath bought:

**REFRAIN** *a a*

S.1 *ff* No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

S.2 *ff* No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

A. *ff* No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

*a* Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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