

The First Noel

The origin of the lyrics of this famous English Christmas carol is not exactly known. It possibly dates as far back as the 16th century. In Arnold Harris' new melody and arrangement there is a constant interchange between the male and female voices, gently moving with a rhythmic flow.

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traditional English carol

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♩ = 72 *mf*

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. The first No-el the an-gel did say, was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in
2. looked up and saw a star, shin-ing in the east be-

TENOR
BASS

mf

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Piano

mf

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1. fields where they lay. In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that
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p

9 *mf* *f* *mp* *f*

1. was so deep No-el No-el No-el, born is the King of Is - ra - el. No-

2. day and night

mf *f* *mp* *f*

1. was so deep, so deep, No-el No-el No-el No - el No - el, born of Is - ra - el. No-

2. day and night, and night,

mf *f* *mp* *f*

13 *mp* *mf* *p* *rit.*

1. el No-el No-el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el, They Is - ra - el.

2. *p*

mp *p* *rit.*

el No-el No - el No-el No - el, the King of Is - ra - el. Is - ra - el.

f *mp* *p* *rit.*