The First Noel*

There were... shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And, lo, the angel of the Lord.... said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. Lk. 2:8-10

1. The first No - el 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 - ver Beth - le -
5. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where 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
to our heav - en - 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 - e'er it went.
stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
earth of naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain

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

*Noel: from "Christmas" (French); from "birthday" (Latin). **The Bible mentions three gifts, but does not state the number of wise men.