

THE FIRST NOWEL

SEMI-CHORUS OR SOLO ♩ = 126

Traditional

1. The first Now - 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'er Beth - le -

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

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 - ev - er it went.
stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

CHORUS, *piu mosso*

Now - el, Now - el, Now - el, Now - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5 Then entered in those wisemen three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowel, &c.

6 Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowel, &c.