

# *The First Noel*

*17th Century English carol*

*The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

*And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from the country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

*This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then entered in those wise men three,  
Fell rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the kind of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*