

THE FIRST NOWELL

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English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

VOICES

ORGAN

mf FULL

The_ first_ No-

Man. Ped.

-well the_ an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in

fields as they lay; In_ fields_ where they lay, - keep - ing their sheep, On a

f REFRAIN

cold win - ter's night_ that was_ so deep: No - well, No -

- well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King_ of Is - ra - el!

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shining
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west; O'er

TENOR
BASS

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

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 (voices in unison)

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

ORGAN

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

MELODY (*mf*)

TENOR
BASS

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

wise men came from coun-try far; To seek for a king was
re-v'rent-ly up-on their knee, And off-er'd there in

their in-tent, And to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went:
his pre-sence Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense:

REFRAIN

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is-ra-el!

Dal 8 for v. 4 (page 127)

Note: vv. 3 & 5 may be sung unaccompanied, or with organ, or by unison voices (tenor part) with descant (soprano part), and organ.

VOICES *f* **FULL**

6. Then let— us— all with— one— ac— cord Sing prai— ses

ORGAN *f*

to— our heav'n— ly Lord, That hath— made heav'n and— earth— of

REFRAIN
DESCANT (Sops.)

naught, And with— his blood— man— kind— hath bought: *ff* No— well,— No—

—well, No— well, No— well, Born is the King— of Is— ra— el!