

The first Nowell

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

ALL VOICES

mf

VOICES

1. The_ first_ No -

ORGAN

mf

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

REFRAIN

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

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

mf 2. They look - ed_ up_ and_ saw_ a_ star, Shin-ing
4. This_ star_ drew_ nigh_ to_ the_ north-west; O'er -

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR
BASS

mf

in_ the east, be - yond_ them_ far; And_
Beth - le - hem_ it_ took_ its_ rest, And_

to the earth it gave great light, And
there it did both stop and stay Right.

so it con - ti - nued both day and night:
ov - er the place where Je - sus lay:

REFRAIN (voices in unison)

f 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 entered 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 of - fer'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

f

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

f

Dal for v. 4 (p. 324)

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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

ALL VOICES

VOICES *f*

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!