

The First Noel

solo or small group

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Piano

The first — no - el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in

7

fields as they lay; In fields — where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that

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was — so deep. No - el, — no - el! No - el, no - el! Born is the King — of

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23 *all ladies*

Is - ra - el! _____ And by _____ the light of _____ a _____ great

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star, The wise _____ men came _____ from coun - try far; To seek _____ for a king was their _____ in -

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tent, And to fol - low the star _____ wher - ev - er it went. No - el, _____ no - el! No - el, no -

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano grand staff. The first system (measures 23-30) includes the lyrics 'Is - ra - el!' and 'And by _____ the light of _____ a _____ great'. The second system (measures 31-38) includes 'star, The wise _____ men came _____ from coun - try far; To seek _____ for a king was their _____ in -'. The third system (measures 39-46) includes 'tent, And to fol - low the star _____ wher - ev - er it went. No - el, _____ no - el! No - el, no -'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el! *men*

This

55

star drew nigh to the north - west, O-ver Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And

63

2 part

No -

there it did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

71

el, no - el! No - el, no - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

79

ladies

Then en - tered in those wise men to see, Full rev - 'rent -

87

ly up - on their knee,

men

And of - fered there, in His pres - ence, Their gold and

95 *3 part*

No - el, no - el! No - el, no - el! Born is the
myrrh and frank - in - cense.

103 *unison*

King of Is - ra - el! Then let us -

110

all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and

119 *4 part*

earth of naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought. No - el, no - el! No - el, no -

128

el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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Born is the King of Is - ra - el!