

# The First Nowell

Words traditional

Traditional English Melody  
Harmonized by Sir John Stainer

*mf* D A D G D G A7 D A7

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the  
3. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le -  
4. Then en - ter'd in those wise - men three, Full rev - 'rent -

D G A7 D A D A7 D A7 D G

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their  
East, be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great  
hem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and  
ly up - on their knee, And of - fer'd there, in His pres -

D G A7 D G D G A D A D *ff* A D

sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
stay Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay. Now - ell, Now -  
ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

A D G D A Bm D G D A D A D

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