

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

The First Noel

♩ = 96

D $\frac{A^7}{D}$ D Bm $\frac{G}{B}$ A $\frac{E^m E^m6}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ F#m G D G $\frac{A}{G}$

1. The first No - el the an - gels did say Was to
2. Then by the light of a bril - liant star Three
3. Now let us all with one ac - cord Sing

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ DM7 Em6 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{A^7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ A7 D $\frac{E^m}{A}$ A7

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay - In
wise men came from coun - try far. They
prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord! With

D $\frac{G}{D}$ Asus A $\frac{E^m E^m6}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ F#m G D G $\frac{A}{G}$

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep On a
hum - bly bowed and wor - shipped there With
shep - herds, kings, and an - gels come And

WORDS: Traditional English Carol and Ken Bible
MUSIC: W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833; arr. by John Stainer

THE FIRST NOEL
Irregular

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$\frac{D}{F\#}$ DM7 Em6 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D}{G}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gold and myrrh and in - cense rare.
 wor - ship Christ the Ho - ly One!

Refrain

$\frac{F\#m}{A}$ A7 D Bm $\frac{G}{B}$ F#m D DM7 G A9 $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Em}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!

Bm $\frac{DM7}{A}$ G D Bm $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D}{G}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

TOPICS: Christmas; Epiphany

LEAD-IN: *There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*
 (Luke 2:8-11, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Shepherds' Invitation

A heavenly choir delivered a personal invitation
to one very special group of Christmas guests.
Whom would God invite to the birth of the Great Shepherd of His people?
Why, shepherds, of course, faithfully watching their flocks nearby.

Their tender, selfless care for their sheep
painted a living picture of the way
the Great Shepherd would lay down His life for His flock.

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