

The First Noel

"Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words spanning across measures. The score includes a variety of musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, as well as dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte).

System 1: Chords: D, A/C#, D/F#, G, D. Lyrics: 1. The first no - el the an - gels did say was to; 2. The wise men looked and saw a star shin - ing; 3. And by the light of that same star, the; 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o - ver.

System 2: Chords: Bm /A G D/F#, D/A A/C# D A7 D. Lyrics: cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, in fields where; in the east be - yond them far; and to the; wise men came from coun - try far; to seek a; Beth - le - hem it took its rest; and there it.

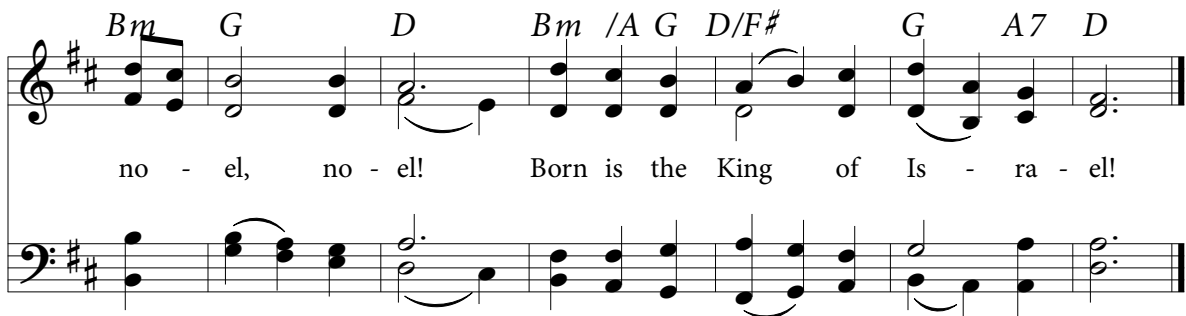
System 3: Chords: A/C# Bm /A G D/F#, D G. Lyrics: they lay keep - ing their sheep on a cold win - ter's; earth it gave great light, and so it con -; king was their stop in - tent, and to fol - low the; did both stop and stay right o - ver the.

System 4: Chords: D/F# D/A A/C# D A7 D F#m. Lyrics: night that was so deep. No - el, no - el,; tin - ued both day and night. No - el, no - el,; star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, no - el,; place where Je - sus lay. No - el, no - el,

TEXT: Traditional English carol

MUSIC: W. Sandy's *Christmas Carols*, 1833

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5. Then entered in those wise men three,
in reverent awe with bended knee,
and offered gifts of great expense:
of gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Noel, noel, noel, noel!

Born is the King of Israel!

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heav'n

and earth of naught,

and with His blood

mankind hath bought.

Noel, noel, noel, noel!

Born is the King of Israel!

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

*And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were filled with great fear. Luke 2:9*

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

3. "To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes and in a manger laid."

5. Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
to those on whom His favor rests goodwill shall never cease."