

## 38. THE FIRST NOWELL

English traditional carol  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

VOICES *mf FULL*

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

cold win - ter's night that was so deep: *f REFRAIN* No - well, No -

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

SOPRANO  
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR  
BASS

*mf*

2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shining  
This star drew nigh to the north-west; O'er

in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it  
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it did both

gave great light, And so it con - tinued both day and night:  
stop and stay Right 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!

Note: vv. 2 & 4 may be sung by unaccompanied voices.

SOPRANO  
ALTO

(ORGAN) *mp* 3 And by the light of that same star. Three  
~~5.~~ Then en - ter'd in those wise men three. Full

TENOR  
TENOR  
BASS

MELODY (*mf*)

wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was  
 re - v'rent - ly up - on their knee, And off - er'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

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

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

*Da! ♪ for v. 4 (page 127)*

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

VOICES *f FULL*

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.)

nought, 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!