

## 81. The first Nowell

English traditional carol  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

ALL VOICES  
*mf*

VOICES

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

Also available separately (*Five Christmas Carols* arr. David Willcocks)

REFRAIN

cold win-ter's night that was so deep: *f* 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, Shin-ing  
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west; O'er

*mf*

in the east, be - yond them far; And  
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And

to the earth it gave great light, And  
there it did both stop and stay Right.

so it con - ti - nued both day and night:  
ov - er the place where Je - sus lay:

*REFRAIN* (voices in unison)

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)

TENOR  
BASS

*mp* 3. And by the light of that same star, Three.  
*pp* 5. Then enter'd in those wise men three, Full

MELODY (*mf*)

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

*f* No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Dal for v. 4 (p. 324)

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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

ALL VOICES

VOICES *f*

6. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises

ORGAN *f*

to our heav'n-ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of

REFRAIN  
DESCANT (SOPS.)

naught, 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!