The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL (Irregular)
Traditional English carol
from William Sandys’ Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern, 1833

English carol from Davies Gilbert’s
Some Ancient Christmas Carols, 1823

1. The first Noel the angel did say Was to
2. They looked up and saw a star Shining
3. And by the light of that same star Three
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three, Full
6. Then let us all with one accord Sing

certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where
in the east, beyond them far; And to the
Wise Men came from country far; To seek for a
Bethlehem it took its rest; And there it
reverently upon their knee, And offered
praises to our heav'n-ly Lord, That hath made

they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that
care, it gave great light, And so it continued both
King was their intent, And to follow the star where
did both stop and stay, Right over the place where
there, in His presence, Their gold and myrrh and
heavn and earth of naught, And with His blood man-
CHRISTMAS

was so deep.

day and night.

ever it went. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -

jesus lay.

frank incense.

kind hath bought.

el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!