

205 The First Noel

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field... Luke 2:8

W. SANDYS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

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1. The first No - el, the an-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shepherds in
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east, be-
3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth - le - hem it
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up -
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our

fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a
yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
took its rest; And there it did both stop and stay, Right
on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres-ence Their
heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And

Refrain

cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.

el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.