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The First Noel

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1. The first Noel the an-gels did say Was to
 2. They look-ed up and saw a star Shin-ing
 3. And by the light of that same star, Three
 4. This star drew nigh to the north-west. O'er
 5. Then en-ter'd in those Wise-men three, Full

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cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay: In fields where they lay
 in the east be-yond them far, And to the earth it
 Wise-men came from coun-try far, To seek for a King was
 Beth-le-hem it took its rest, And there it did both
 rev-erent-ly up-on their knee, And of-fer'd there in

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keep-ing their sheep On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light. And so it con-tinued both day and night.
 their in-tent. And to fol-low the star wher-ever it went.
 stop and stay Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.
 His pres-ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense.

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