

## The First Noel 265

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds 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.

TEXT: Traditional English carol  
 MUSIC: W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833; arranged by John Stainer

THE FIRST NOEL  
 Irregular meter

# 278 Angels We Have Heard on High

*The heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God. Luke 2:13*

> 1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains  
 > 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 > 3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 > 4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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TEXT: Traditional French carol  
 MUSIC: Traditional French melody; Choral ending by Ken Barker

GLORIA  
 7.7.7.7. with Refrain

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright,  
'Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King.  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.