

The First Noel

from "The Celtic Choirbook"

Traditional
Arr.: Carsten Gerlitz

♩ = 98

mp No - el No - el No - el No - el

mp No - el No - el No - el No - el

mp No - el No - el No - el No - el

mp No, No - el No - el No - el No

5 *mf* No - el 1. The first No - el the an - gels did say was to
looked up and saw a star, shin-ing

mf No - el first the first no - el an - gels did say
looked up saw a star,

mf No - el first no - el no - el say
looked up and saw star,

mf el The first no - el an - gels say
They looked up and saw a star,

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they
in the east be - yond them far; and to the

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields they lay In fields where they
in the east be - yond them far; and to the

cer-tain poor shep-herds fields lay fields
in the east far, far, to

poor shep - herds fields lay fields they
east be - yond far, far, to the

15 lay a - keep - ing their sheep on a cold win - ter's night that
earth it gave great light, and so it con - ti - nued both

lay keep sheep on a cold win - ter's night
earth great light and so it con - ti - nued

lay no - el no - el on a cold night
earth no - el no - el so con - ti - - - nued

lay no - - - el cold night that
earth no - - - el great light both

was so deep. *f* No - el, No - el, No - el, No -
 day and night.

was so deep. *f* No - el, No - el, No - el, No -
 day and night.

was so deep. *f* No - el, No - el, No - el, No -
 day and night.

was deep. *f* No - el, No - el, No, - no -
 day night.

No - el, No - el, No - el. 2. They el, No - el.

rit.
 No - el, No - el, No - el. el, No - el.

rit.
 No - el, No - el, No - el. el, No - el.

rit.
 el, No - el, No - el. No el, No - el.

25

el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

el. Born King Is - ra - el No - el,

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

el. Born King Is - ra - el No, No -

3. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
 o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
 and there it did both stop and stay,
 right over the place where Jesus lay.
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
 born is the King of Israel.

4. Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood mankind hath bought.
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
 born is the King of Israel.