

# The First Nowell

Traditional English  
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Traditional English carol  
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*mf* The First Now - ell the An - gel did say, Was to

The first system of musical notation for 'The First Nowell'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'The First Now - ell the An - gel did say, Was to'.

5

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In

The second system of musical notation, starting at measure 5. The lyrics are: 'cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In'.

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fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a

The third system of musical notation, starting at measure 9. The lyrics are: 'fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a'.

13

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.

The fourth system of musical notation, starting at measure 13. The lyrics are: 'cold win - ter's night that was so deep.'

Source : Bramley and Stainer, *Christmas Carols New and Old*. London : Novello, Ewer & Co., ca 1878.