

Canterbury Cathedral Choir

"The First Nowell"

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The-e fir-ist No-o-el, thee-ee angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
I-in fie-ields wher-ere they lay-ay keeping their sheep
In a cold winter's ni-ight that wa-as so deep
No-o-e-el, No-o-el, No-o-el, No-o-e-el
Born is the Ki-ing of I-is-ra-el

They-ey loo-ook-ed up a-and saw-aw a star
Shining i-in the Ea-east beyo-ond them far
A-and to-oo the-ee earth i-it ga-ave great light
A-and so it continued both day-ay and night
No-o-e-el, No-o-el, No-o-el, No-e-el
Born is the Ki-ing of I-is-ra-el

A-and by-y the-e light o-of tha-at same star
Three-ee wi-ise men ca-ame from cou-ountry far
To-oo see-EEK for a King wa-as their-eir intent
And to follow the sta-ar wherever it went
No-o-e-el, No-o-el, No-o-el, No-o-e-el
Born is the Ki-ing of I-is-ra-el

This star-ar drew-ew nigh to the-e northwest
O'er Be-eth-le-he-em it too-ook its rest
A-and there-ere it did bo-oth sto-op and stay
Ri-ight o-over the pla-ace where Je-esus lay
No-o-e-el, No-o-el, No-o-el, No-o-e-el
Born is the K-ing of I-is-ra-el

The-en e-entered in tho-ose wi-ise men three
Fe-ell re-everently upo-on their knee
A-and o-offered there i-in hi-is presence
Bo-oth go-old, and myr-rh, and fra-ankincense
No-o-e-el, No-o-el, No-o-el, No-e-el
Born is the Ki-ing of I-is-ra-el

The-en le-et u-us all wi-ith one-ne accord
Si-ing prai-aises to-oo our heavenly Lord
Tha-at ha-ath made heaven and ear-earth of nought
A-and wi-ith his bloo-ood manki-ind had bought
No-o-e-el, no-o-el, no-o-el, no-o-e-el
Born is the ki-ing of I-is-ra-el

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