

# The First Noel

SSA

Traditional English Carol  
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**Piano** *mp*  $\bullet = 100$

**SA** *mp*  
The First Noel, the

**Pno.** *mp*

**SA**  
an-gel did say Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in

**Pno.**

**SA**  
fields as they lay, In fields where they lay keep-ing their

**Pno.**

20

sheep On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep. No -

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains the first 20 measures of the piece. It features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4 and B4, then a quarter note C5, and continues with a melodic line. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

25

el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the

el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 25 through 30. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal lines are in parallel motion, with the upper voice starting on G4 and the lower voice on E4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

30

King of Is - ra - el!

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Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 30 through 35. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal lines end with a long note on G4 and E4 respectively. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass line in the left hand.

36 *mp* *mf*

They — look - ed up and —

*mf*

They — look - - - ed — up

Pno.

42

saw — a star Shin - ing in the East — be - yond — them far,

and — saw a star — Shin-ing in the East — be - yond them far, And —

42

Pno.

48 *mp* *mf*

And to the earth it — gave great light And so it con - tin - ued both

to — the earth it — gave great light So it con - tin - ued both

48

Pno.

54

day \_\_\_\_\_ and night. \_\_\_\_\_ No - el, \_\_\_\_\_ No - el, No - el, \_\_\_\_\_ No -

day \_\_\_\_\_ and night. No - el, \_\_\_\_\_ No - el, No - el, \_\_\_\_\_ No -

Pno.

59

el! Born is the King \_\_\_\_\_ of Is - ra - el! Then \_\_\_\_\_ let us

el! \_\_\_\_\_ Born is the King \_\_\_\_\_ of Is - ra - el! Then \_\_\_\_\_ let \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

65

all with \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ ac - cord Sing prais - es to \_\_\_\_\_ our heav'n - ly

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Pno.

71

Lord The pains of sin and death he fought And

Lord The pains of sin and death he fought

Pno.

76

with his blood man-kind hath bought. No - el, No -

And with his blood man-kind hath bought. No - el, No -

*rit.* *f* *a tempo*

*rit.* *f* *a tempo*

*rit.* *f* *a tempo*

Pno.

81

el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King!

el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King!

Pno.

86 *f* Prais - es we sing! *mf* Born is the King of Is - - -

86 *f* Prais - es we sing! *mf* Born is the King of Is - - -

Pno. *f* *mf*

91 ra - - - el!

91 ra - - - el!

Pno.

96 *mf rit.* Born is the King of Is - - - ra - el! *p*

96 *mf rit.* Born is the King of Is - - - ra - el! *p*

Pno. *mf rit.* *p*