

The First Noel

(NOTE: sopranos and altos = mostly combined
tenors and basses = mostly combined)

For Choir, Mixed Voices

Traditional

Arranged by Brian D. Petersen

$\text{♩} = 76-78$ With great expression

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system (measures 1-6) features a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked *mf*. The vocal parts (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass) are shown as empty staves. The second system (measures 7-13) begins the vocal entry with the lyrics: "The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor". The piano accompaniment is marked *mp*. The third system (measures 14-20) continues the vocal line with lyrics: "shep-herds in fields where they lay," followed by "In fields where they lay keep - ing their". The piano accompaniment includes markings for *mf (confidently)*, *rit.*, and *a tempo*.

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21

S/A

T/B

mf

No - el, No -

sheep on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep, No - el,

28

S/A

T/B

f p

el, No - el, No - el, Oh, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

36

S/A

T/B

mf

They

They

mp

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43

S/A
look - ed_ up and saw_ a star shin-ing in the east, be - yond them far, and

T/B
look - ed_ up and saw_ a star shin-ing in_ the east, be - yond them far,

mf **p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

8va-1

**play with chime-like effect... (let the pedal sustain a bit)*

51

S/A
to_ the earth it_ gave_ great light, and so it con - ti - nued both day_ and

T/B
To the earth it_ gave_ great light, and so it con - ti - nued both day and

mf

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S/A
night. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of

T/B
night. O, No - el; No - el! Born is the King of

65

S/A
Is - ra - el! Then, let us

T/B
Is - ra - el! Then, let us

rit. *a tempo* *f*

72

S/A
all with one ac - cord sing prai - ses to our Heav' - nly Lord, That

T/B
all with one ac - cord sing prai - ses to our Heav' - nly Lord, That

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S/A
hath made Heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood man - kind has

T/B
hath made Heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood man - kind has

86

S/A
bought. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of

T/B
bought. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of

93

S/A
Is - ra - el! Born is the King! Born is the King! Born is the

T/B
Is - ra - el! Born is the King! Born is the King, the

a tempo

mp *mf* *f*

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100 *f*

S/A *** (These low alto notes are optional)* *pp*

Hea - ven - ly ***King,* the Hea - ven - ly King!

T/B *rit.* the Hea-- ven-- ly King!

f *mf rit.* *mp* *8va* *p*