

GR99004 The First Noel / Windham
(SATB, piano)

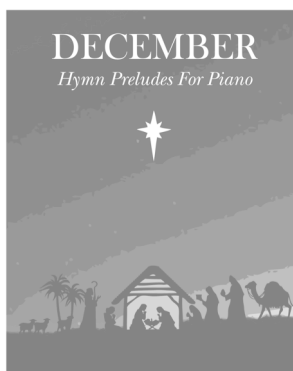
The First Noel

for SATB, piano

Arranged by

MELVYN R WINDHAM, JR

a choral adaptation of
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The First Noel

for S.A.T.B. and piano

Traditional English Carol

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Heavenly ♩ = 76

Women Unis. *mp*

1. The first No - el the an - gel did

like bells

Piano *pp*

continue accents

Red. through measure 28 mp (bottom notes only - melody)

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. The vocal line (Women Unis.) begins with a rest, then enters in measure 2 with the melody. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. Dynamics include *mp* for the vocal line and *pp* for the piano accompaniment. Performance instructions include 'like bells' for the piano's upper register and 'continue accents' for the piano's lower register.

6 say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, In fields where

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5 through 8. The vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern. The lyrics are: 'say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, In fields where'.

12 they lay keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that

gva

p *pp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. The vocal line concludes the phrase. The piano accompaniment features a crescendo leading to a *pp* dynamic. The lyrics are: 'they lay keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that'. A *gva* (glissando) instruction is present in the piano part.

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was — so deep. No - el, — No - el, No - el, No -

8va

p

22

el! Born is the King — of Is - ra - el!

8va melody

mf *p*

27

A

mf 2. They — look - ed — up — and — saw — a

mf

* Red. ad lib

31

star Shin-ing in the East be - yond them

dim.

35

far, And to the earth it gave great

mp

p

39

light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and

cresc.

mf

43 *mp* *f*

night. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -

p *mf*

47 *mp*

el! Born is the King of Is - ra -

p *dim.*

51

el!

pp *distantly*

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