

38. THE FIRST NOWELL

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

VOICES

mf FULL

The first No-

Man. Ped.

-well the an-gel did say Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in

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

f REFRAIN

cold win-ter's night that was so deep: No - well, No -

-well, No-well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shining
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west; O'er

TENOR
BASS

in the east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it did both

gave great light, And so it con - tinued both day and night:
stop and stay - Right ov - er the place where Je - sus lay:

REFRAIN (voices in unison)

ORGAN

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Note: vv. 2 & 4 may be sung by unaccompanied voices.

SOPRANO ALTO

(ORGAN) *mp* 3. And by the light of that same star, Three
pp 5. Then entered in those wise men three, Full

MELODY (*mf*)

TENOR BASS

wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a king - was
 re - v'rent - ly up - on their knee, And off - er'd there in -

their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went -
 his pre - sence. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense:

REFRAIN

f No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

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

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Note: vv. 3 & 5 may be sung unaccompanied, or with organ, or by unison voices (tenor part) with descant (soprano part), and organ.

VOICES *f FULL*

6. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises

ORGAN *f*

to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of

naught, And with his blood man - kind hath bought: *ff* No - well, — No -

REFRAIN.
DESCANT (Sops.)

- well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!