

81. The first Nowell

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

ALL VOICES *mf*

1. 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

Also available separately (*Five Christmas Carols* arr. David Willcocks)

REFRAIN

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

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

mf

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

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

TENOR
BASS

mf

in the east, be - yond them far; And -
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And -

to the earth it gave great light, And
there it did both stop and stay Right.

so it con - ti - nued both day and night:
ov - er the place where Je - sus lay:

REFRAIN (voices in unison)

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

ORGAN

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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

SOPRANO
ALTO

mp 3. And by the light of that same star, Three.

(ORGAN)

pp 5. Then en - ter'd 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 of - fer'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,

Dal C for v. 4 (p. 324)

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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

ALL VOICES

VOICES *f*

6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prai - ses

ORGAN *f*

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

REFRAIN
DESCANT (SOPS.)

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

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