

The First Noel

NARRATION - Yes! We really do celebrate the first Noel - that first Christmas. (*Music starts*) Where would we be this very moment if there had not been that starry night in the quiet little town of Bethlehem? We have commercialized and distorted "Christmas" in many ways, but the real meaning of the first Noel was that God sent His Own to become the precious Lamb who would redeem us from our sin.

♩ = 64

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

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a tempo

DUET: Male: *p*

[1-5] 6 7 8

The ___ first ___ No -

9 10 11 12

el, ___ the ___ an - gel ___ did say, ___ Was to cer tain poor

DUET: Female *mp*

13 14 15 16

shep-herds in fields ___ as ___ they ___ lay; ___

17 18 19 20

fields ___ where ___ they ___ lay ___ keep - ing ___ their ___ sheep, on a

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cold winter's__ night__ that was__ so__ deep. No - el, No - el,
DUET: Male: *mp*
CHOIR: *mp*
Ooo

21 22 23 24 25

el. No - el, No - el. Born is the King of
Ooo

26 27 28 29 30

molto rit. ♩ = 93 *In a swing*

Is - ra - el. _____

31 32 33 34 35

They ____

DUET: Male: *mp*

36 37 38 39

looked, ____ they looked up, and they saw ____ a star shining

DUET: Female *mf*

And ____ to ____ the ____

40 41 42 43 44

in ____ the ____ East ____ be - yond ____ them ____ far.

45 46 47 48 49

earth it ____ gave ____ great ____ light; ____ So ____ it con - tin - ued both ____

day and night. No - el, No - el; No - el, No -

DUET: Male: *mf*

CHOIR: *mf*

Ooo No -

50 51 52 53 54

el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el. No -

f

el of Is - ra - el

55 56 57 58 59

Musical notation for measures 60-63. The system consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and contains the lyrics "No - el. No - el." with a long note on "el." in measure 63. The bass line contains the lyrics "el, No - el. No - el. No - el." with a long note on "el." in measure 63. Measure numbers 60, 61, 62, and 63 are indicated below the bass line.

Musical notation for measures 64-67. The system consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line contains the lyrics "Born is the King" with a long note on "King" in measure 67. The bass line contains the lyrics "Born is the King" with a long note on "King" in measure 67. Measure numbers 64, 65, 66, and 67 are indicated below the bass line.

Musical notation for measures 64-67. The system consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line contains the lyrics "Born is the King" with a long note on "King" in measure 67. The bass line contains the lyrics "Born is the King" with a long note on "King" in measure 67. Measure numbers 64, 65, 66, and 67 are indicated below the bass line. Triplet markings (3) are present above the vocal line in measures 64 and 65.

Musical notation for measures 68-72. The system consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line contains the lyrics "Born is the King of Is - ra - el." with a long note on "el." in measure 72. The bass line contains the lyrics "Born is the King of Is - ra - el." with a long note on "el." in measure 72. Measure numbers 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72 are indicated below the bass line. A forte (*f*) dynamic is marked above the vocal line in measure 71.

f
No - el, No - el. Born is the King of
el. Born is the King of

73 74 75 76 77

Is - ra - el. No -
No - el, No - el. No - el. No - el.

78 79 80 81

el, — No - el. — Born is the — King.

el, No el. —

No - el. — Born is the

82 83 84 85 86 3

Born is the — King — of Is - ra -

King Is ra

87 3 3 3 88 89 90 91

el _____

Oh, ³ Is - ra - el _____

Is - ra - el Is - ra Is - ra-el Is - ra -

92 93 94 95 96

Detailed description: This system contains measures 92 through 96. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a long note 'el' followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. Measure 95 includes a triplet of notes.

_____ Is - ra - el _____ ³

el Woah Woah Is - ra Is - ra-el

97 98 99 100 101 ³

Detailed description: This system contains measures 97 through 101. The vocal line continues with 'el' and includes 'Woah' and 'Woah' phrases. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Measure 101 includes a triplet of notes.

Oh, ³ Is - ra - el _____

Is - ra Is - ra-el Is - ra - el.

102 103 104 105 106

p At a slower tempo

Born is the King of

mp

Oh

107 108 109 110 111

Float

rall.

Is - ra - el.

112 113 114