The First Noel

1. The first Noel, the angel did say,

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

***Refrain:*** Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,

Born is the King of Israel.

**2.** They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the east beyond them far;

And to the earth it gave great light,

And so it continued both day and night. *[Refrain]*

**3.** And by the light of that same star

Three wise men came from country far;

To seek for a king was their intent,

And to follow the star wherever it went. *[Refrain]*

**4.** This star drew nigh to the northwest;

O’er Bethlehem it took its rest,

And there it did both stop and stay,

Right over the place where Jesus lay. *[Refrain]*

**5.** Then entered in those wise men three,

Full rev’rently upon their knee,

And offered there in his presence

Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *[Refrain]*

**6.** Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,

That hath made heav’n and earth of nought,

And with his blood mankind hath bought. *[Refrain]*