The First Noel

1. The first Noel, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
   Their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep,
   Great light, and so it continued both day and night.

2. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far.
   In fields where they lay keeping east, from country far;
   In intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
   And so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star The wise men came from far; To seek for a King was their intent,
   And to follow the star wherever it went.
   Great light, and so it continued both day and night.

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O’er Bethlehem it took its rest, And there it did both stop,
   Right over the place where Jesus lay.
   Great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

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