The first Noël

English traditional carol arr. Francis Melville

1. The first Noël the angel did say to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay, keeping their yonder them far: And to the earth it gave their count'ry far; To seek for a King was their intake.

2. They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east beyond them far: And to the earth it gave their light, And so it continued both day and night:

3. And by the light of that same star, Three Wise Men came from fields where they lay, and saw a star, Shining in the east beyond them far: And to the earth it gave their light, And so it continued both day and night:

And to follow the star where ever it went:

Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!
4. This star drew near to the north-west; O'er Bethlehem it
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three, Pull reverently up-

took its rest; And there it did both stop and
pon their knee, And of-fered there in his pre-

stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay:
Their gold and myrr and frank incense:

Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Is-ra-el!
6. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord. That hath made heaven and earth of nought, And with his blood mankind hath bought.

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