

40. THE FIRST NOWELL

Traditional

English traditional melody arranged by LOUIS HALSEY

(♩ = 88)

Soprano and Alto

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mf 1. The first No - well the
mf 2. They look - ed up and
mf 3. This star drew nigh to
f *6. Then let us all with

Men

(♩ = 88)

Optional Piano or Organ

mf

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Ped.

6

an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they
 saw a star Shin - ing in the east be yond them
 the north - west: O'er Beth - le - hem it took its
 one ac - cord song to our heav'n - ly

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lay: In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
 far; And to the earth it gave great light, And so it con -
 rest, And there it did both stop and stay Right o - ver the
 Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with his

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* For use when the special arrangement of verse six is not sung.

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f

night that was so deep
 -tin - ued both se and night
 place w he sus lay: No - well, No - well, No -
 blood man - kind hath bought:..

f

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

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mp 3. And by the light of that same star, Three
p 5. Then en - ter'd in those wise men three, Full

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p 5. En ter'd in those wise men three, Full

mp (p)

Man.

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wise men came from the east; To seek for a
 re - v're up - on their knee, And of - fer'd

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king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher -
 there in his pre - sence Their gold and myrrh and

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- e - ver it went: *f* No - well, No - well, No - well, No -
 frank - in - cense: *f*

f

f

f

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- well, Bo is he of Is - ra - el!

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Alternative arrangement of last verse

DESCANT SOPRANOS

6. Let us all with one ac - cord Sing

ALL OTHER VOICES

6. Then I all with one ac - cord Sing

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prai - ses to our heav'n - ly Lord, hath made

prai - ses to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made

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heav'n and earth of naught, And with his blood man -

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- kind hath bought: *ff* No - well, No - well, No - well, No -

- kind hath bought: *ff* No - well, No - well, No - well, No -

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- well, *rit.* Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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NOTES ON PERFORMANCE

1. The entire text can be sung to the music of the first verse.
2. If the descant is not sung, verse six should either be performed in unison or sung to the music of the first verse.