

The First Noel

for SAM Voices and Piano
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Trad.

Gently $\text{♩} = 100$

Soprano

Alto

Bass

Piano

p

p

p

The First No - el, the_

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7

An - gels did say Was to cer - tain poor she-pherds in fields as they lay *mp*

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An - gels did say Was to cer - tain poor she-pherds in fields as they lay *mp*

mp

13

p Fields _____ where they lay _____ Cold _____ win - ter's

fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep Cold _____ win - ter's

p Fields _____ where they lay _____ On a cold win-ter's night that was so

pp

19

mf night _____ No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the King of

mf night _____ No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the King of

mf deep. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the King of

mf

Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the

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mf *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

The score for measures 1-8 features three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics 'Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support, with dynamics ranging from *mf* to *p*.

34

King of Is-ra - el! They look - ed up and

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mf *mf* *mf* *mf*

The score for measures 9-16 continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal parts sing 'King of Is-ra - el! They look - ed up and'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, maintaining the *mf* dynamic.

41

saw a star Shi-ning in the East beyond them far And to the

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saw a star Shi-ning in the East beyond them far And to the

p.

48

earth gave light Both day and night.

earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and

earth gave light Both day and night.

cresc. poco a poco

p.

54

f No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the
 night. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the
f No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el Born is the

60

King of Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el
 King of Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el
 King of Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el

67

mp Born is the King of Is-ra - el! *pp* By the light of
mp Born is the King of Is-ra - el! *pp* By the light of
mp Born is the King of Is-ra - el! *p* And by the light of
mp *dim. poco a poco* *pp*

75

that same star Three Wise men from coun-try a- far Seek - ing was

that same star Three Wise men from coun-try a- far To seek for a King was

that same star Three Wise men came from coun-try a - far Seek - ing was

p *pp* *p* *mp* *pp* *p*

83

their in - tent Fol - low wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -

their in - tent And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -

their in - tent Fol - low wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -

cresc. poco a poco *mf* *cresc. poco a poco* *mf* *cresc. poco a poco* *mf* *cresc. poco a poco* *mf*

90

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

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

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

98

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

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

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

106

This star drew nigh to the north - west O'er Beth - le - hem it took its

114

rest And there it did both pause and stay Right o'er the place,

121

o'er the place where Je-sus lay. *f* No - el, No - el, No -

o'er the place where Je-sus lay. *f* No - el, No - el, No -

where Je-sus lay. *f* No - el, No - el, No -

128

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

el, No - el, No - el, The King of Is - ra - el! *f* No - el, No -

el, No - el, The King of Is - ra - el! *f* No - el, No -

135

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

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

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

mp

142 **Meno mosso** *p* **rit.**

Born is the King of Is-ra - el!

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Meno mosso *p* **rit.** *pp*