

81. The first Nowell

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

ALL VOICES

VOICES *mf*

1. The_ first_ No -

ORGAN *mf*

Man. Ped.

- well the_ an-gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep-herds in

fields as they lay; In_ fields_ where they lay, keep-ing their sheep, On a

Also available separately (*Five Christmas Carols* arr. David Willcocks)

REFRAIN

cold win-ter's night that was so deep: *f* No - well, No - well, No -

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

SOPRANO
ALTO
(ORGAN)
TENOR
BASS

mf 2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shining
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west; O'er

mf

in the east, be - yond them far; And
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And

to the earth it gave great light, And
there it did both stop and stay Right.

so it con - ti - nued both day and night:
ov - er the place where Je - sus lay:

REFRAIN (voices in unison)

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

ORGAN

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Note: vv. 2 & 4 may be sung by unaccompanied voices.

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

MELODY (*mf*)

TENOR
BASS

mp 3. And by the light of that same star, Three.

pp 5. Then en-ter'd in those wise men three, Full

wise men came from coun-try far; To seek for a king was re-v'rent-ly up-on their knee, And of-fer'd there in

their in-tent, And to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went: his pre-sence Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense.

REFRAIN

f No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Dal 3/4 for v. 4 (p. 324)

Born is the King of Is-ra-el!

Note: vv. 3 & 5 may be sung unaccompanied, or with organ, or by unison voices (tenor part) with descant (soprano part) and organ.

ALL VOICES

VOICES *f*

6. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises

ORGAN *f*

to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of

REFRAIN
DESCANT (SOPS.)

ff

naught, And with his blood man - kind hath bought: No - well, No -

ff

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