

THE FIRST NOEL

17th Century English Carol
Music from W. Sandys' Christmas Carols

Joyfully

The first system of musical notation for 'The First Noel'. It features a treble and bass clef with a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The tempo/mood is 'Joyfully' and the dynamic is 'mp'. The lyrics are: 'The first noel the an-gel did look - ed up and saw a'. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, C/E, Bb, and Dm/A. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1-5. A repeat sign is present at the beginning of the first line.

The second system of musical notation. The lyrics are: 'say star was to shin - ing cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they in - the east, be - yond them'. Chords are indicated above the staff: F/A, Bb, F/A, Bb, Am, Gm/Bb, Dm/A, and C/G. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1 and 4.

The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: 'lay. far. In And fields to where the they earth lay it'. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, Dm/F, C/E, and Bb. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 3 and 4.

F/A Bb F/A Bb F/A Bb

keep - ing their sheep on a cold win - ter's
gave _____ great light, and _____ it con -

Am Bb Am Gm F Dm/F

night _____ that was _____ so and deep. } No - el, _____ no -
tin - ued both day _____ and night. } *mf*

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Am/E F/A Bb F/A Dm/A Bb

el, no - el, no - el, born is the

F/A C/G 1. F 2. F

King _____ of Is - ra - el. They _____ el.
mp