Hymn 34 6v with intro  
Lyrics Trad 17C  
Score The First Nowell

The first Nowell the Angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far  
and to the earth it gave great light  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far  
to seek for a king was their intent  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the north-west  
o’er Bethlehem it took its rest  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three  
fell reverently upon their knee  
and offered there in his presence  
both gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

The let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
who hath made heaven and earth of nought  
and with his blood mankind has bought.  
Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.