

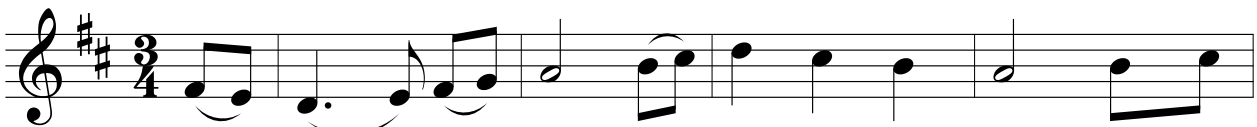
# The First Nowell

The Presbyterian Hymnal, 56

English carol, 17th century

English carol  
Sandy's *Christmas Carols*, 1833

D Bm G A Em Em6 D Dmaj7 G D G A7




The first Now - ell the an - gels did say Was to  
They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing  
And by the light of that same star, Three  
This star drew nigh to the north - west; O'er

5 Dmaj7 D C#m7(b5) D G C#dim D A7 D F#m A7 D Bm G




cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they  
in the east be - yond them far, And to the  
wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a  
Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And there it

10 A sus A Em Em6 D Dmaj7 G D G A7 D C#m7(b5) D G C#dim Dmaj7




lay a - keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that  
earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both  
king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star where -  
did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where

15 D A7 D F#m A7 D Bm G F#m D



was so and deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -  
day and night.  
ev - er it went.  
Je - sus lay.

19 G D A Bm Dmaj7 G D Bm C#dim D A7 D



ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.