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The first nowell

Trad.

English traditional

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[♩=120]

Soprano

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 2. They look - ed up and saw_ a star Shin - ing in the east_ be - yond them far;
 3. And by_ the light of_ that_ same star Three wise_ men came_ from coun - try far;
 4. The_ star_ drew nigh to_ the_ north west: O - ver Beth - le - hem_ it took_ its rest;
 5. Then did_ they know as - sur - ed - ly With - in_ that house_ the King_ did lie;

Alto

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Bass

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 And to_ the earth it_ gave_ great light, And so it con - ti - nued both day_ and night.
 To seek_ for a king was their_ in - tent, And to fol - low the star_ wher - e - ver it went.
 And there_ it_ did both stop_ and stay, Right o - ver the house where Je - sus lay.
 One en - tered in then for_ to see, And found the babe_ in po - ver - ty.

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16 CHORUS

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B

6. Then | entered | in those | Wise Men | three
 Full | reverent|ly up|on their | knee,
 And | offered | there, in | his pre|sence,
 Their | gold, and | myrrh, and fran|kincense.

7. Bet|ween an | ox - stall | and an ass
 This | child there | bornèd | surely | was;
 For | want of | clothing | they did him | lay
 All | in the | manger, a|mong the | hay.

8. Then | let us | all, with | one ac|cord
 Sing | praises | to our | heavenly | Lord
 Who | hath made | heaven and | earth of | nought,
 And | with his | blood man|kind hath | bought.

9. If | we in our | lifetime | shall do | well
 We | shall be | free from | death and | hell.
 For | God hath pre|parèd | for us | all
 A | resting | place in | gene|ral.

[| shows where barlines fall.]