

# THE FIRST NOWELL

## VERSES

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 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing  
 3. And by the light of that same star Three  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er  
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full  
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

D Em6 D G A7 D A7 D A7 D Bm

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 2. in the east, be - yond them far; And to the  
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 2. earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both  
 3. king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher -  
 4. did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where  
 5. there, in his pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and  
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REFRAIN

D A7 D A7 D Bm F#m D G

1. was \_\_\_\_\_ so deep. No - well, \_\_\_\_\_ No - well, No - well, No -  
 2. day \_\_\_\_\_ and night.  
 3. ev - er it went.  
 4. Je - sus lay.  
 5. frank - in - cense.  
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D Bm Dmaj7 G D G A7 D A7 D

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

VERSES 1-6

The musical score is written for a solo instrument in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first three staves are labeled 'VERSES 1-6' and the fourth is labeled 'REFRAIN'. The notation includes various dynamics such as *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *mf* (mezzo-forte), along with accents and slurs. A large, semi-transparent 'Preview' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the center of the page.

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