

The First Noel 265

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the east, be -
 3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came from
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le - hem it
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up -
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our

fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
 yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
 coun - try far; To seek for a King was their in - tent, And to
 took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right
 on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres - ence Their
 heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And

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 cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 with His blood man - kind hath bought.

el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

TEXT: Traditional English carol
 MUSIC: W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833; arranged by John Stainer

THE FIRST NOEL
 Irregular meter

255 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse. Isaiah 11:1

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in
3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the

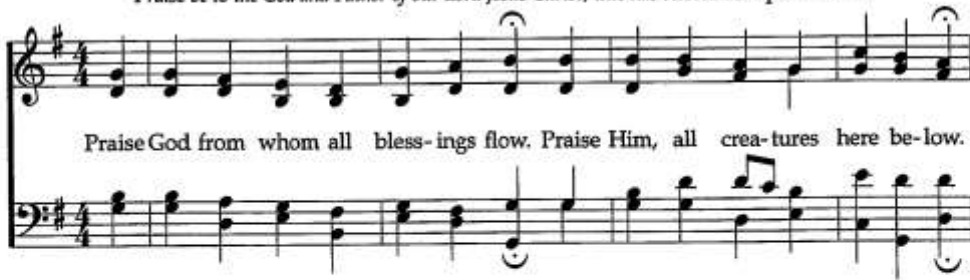
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of old have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a Flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and

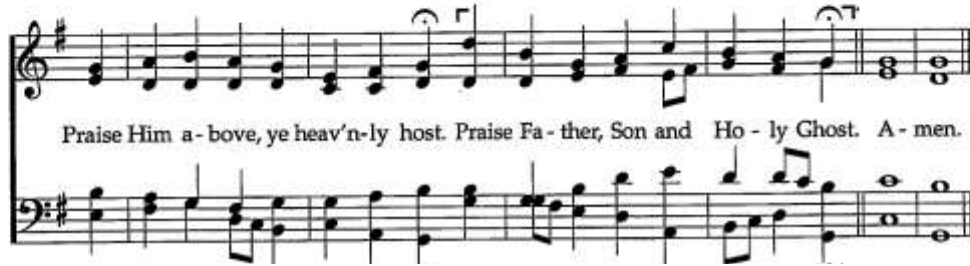
cold of win - ter When half - spent was the night.
men a Sav - ior When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - ery load.

815 Doxology

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us. Ephesians 1:3



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low.



Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

278 Angels We Have Heard on High

The heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God. Luke 2:13

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.

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Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come, let us a - dore Him! O



come, let us a - dore Him! O come, let us a - dore Him- Christ, the Lord!