The First Noel

Words: Trad. English carol  
(Luke 2:8-14; Matthew 2:1-12)

Music: Trad. English carol  
Tune: THE FIRST NOEL, Irr. with Refrain

D  Bm  A  A7  D/F#  G  D  A7  D  A7

1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor
   shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
   keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
   born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
   in fields where they lay
   gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;
   to seek for a king was
   keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

4. This star drew nigh to the north west, o'er Beth le-
   hem it took its rest; and there it did both
   gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverent
   ly up on the knee, and offered there, in
   keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

6. They saw the star, and were greatly troubled;
   they stared at the star, and did not know what to do.
   keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

7. Then the star led them to Bethlehem, where Jesus was laid;
   they hurried to脂 Bethlehem, where Jesus was laid;
   keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

8. All night with prayer they sought for a place to lay their baby down;
   they looked for a place to lay their baby down;
   keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

9. And when they had found a place to lay their baby down,
   they lay their baby down;
   keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

10. They laid him in a manger and returned to their home;
    they laid him in a manger and returned to their home;
    keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

11. And when the angels came at morn to greet the holy Virgin,
    they greeted the holy Virgin;
    keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

12. They spake together of angel's joy and peace that was theirs that day;
    they spoke together of angel's joy and peace that was theirs that day;
    keep- ing their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.