

The First Noel (#245)

In key of A (hymnal is in D) / 3/4 time
(range a-c#, if too low, consider capo +2)

VERSE 1:

| A | E | A D | A D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
E7 | A | E Bm | A D | A
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

CHORUS:

| A | C#m | D | A | F#m D | A E7 | A E7 | A
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

VERSE 2:

| A | E | A D | A D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
E7 | A | E Bm | A D | A
and to the earth it gave great light,
D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
and so it continued both day and night.

VERSE 3:

| A | E | A D | A D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;
E7 | A | E Bm | A D | A
to seek for a king was their intent,
D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
and to follow the star wherever it went.

VERSE 4:

| A | E | A D | A D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
E7 | A | E Bm | A D | A
and there it did both stop and stay,
D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
right over the place where Jesus lay.

VERSE 5:

| A | E | A D | A D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,
E7 | A | E Bm | A D | A
and offered there, in his presence,
D | A D | A E7 | A E7 | A
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.