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# The First Noël

for Men's Voices and Piano

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Traditional English Carol  
Arrangement by Mark Mitchell

With calm intensity (♩ = c. 76)

All, chant-like

Men

Finger Cymbal

both hands play an octave lower

pp

hold pedal

Note: this arrangement is appropriate for groups of untrained singers. Most men will sing the melody throughout, some will sing bass (these parts can use the hymnbook); a few stronger voices who read music can sing the tenor part.

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Melody and Bass

*mp*

ël! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

They

*accompaniment hidden in perusal copy only*

*loco*

*loco*

*8<sup>vb</sup> -*

*a few Tenors*  
*mp*

They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the East be -

look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the East be - yond them

F.C.

yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it con -

far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin-ued both

F.C.

tin - ued both day\_ and night. No - ël, No - ël, No - ël! Born is the  
day\_ and night. No - ël, No - ël, No - ël, No - ël! Born is the

F.C.

This system contains the first two staves of the vocal line and the first two staves of the piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in bass clef with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand staff in treble clef and a left-hand staff in bass clef. The lyrics are: "tin - ued both day\_ and night. No - ël, No - ël, No - ël! Born is the" on the first line, and "day\_ and night. No - ël, No - ël, No - ël, No - ël! Born is the" on the second line. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and dotted half notes in the left hand.

King of Is - ra - ell Born is the King of Is - ra - ell

King of Is - ra - ell Born is the King of Is - ra - ell

F.C.

Please

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8<sup>vb</sup>

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This system contains the second two staves of the vocal line and the second two staves of the piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in bass clef with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand staff in treble clef and a left-hand staff in bass clef. The lyrics are: "King of Is - ra - ell Born is the King of Is - ra - ell" on the first line, and "King of Is - ra - ell Born is the King of Is - ra - ell" on the second line. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. There are large, stylized, dashed-outlined words "Please" and "Copy" overlaid on the music. A "rit." marking is present above the vocal line. The system ends with a double bar line and a dynamic marking of 8<sup>vb</sup> in both the vocal and piano staves.