

The First Nowell

English Carol
Music from William Sandys's
Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds, in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,
three magi came from country far;
to seek a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Words & music: African American spiritual

Chorus:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the baby's birth.

Chorus

Down in a lowly manger the humble babe was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

Silent Night

Words by Joseph Mohr
Music by Franz X. Gruber

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,"
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Child of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.