The First Noel

Soprano Descant

1. The First Noel, the Angels did say Was to certain poor
   Born of the fruit of the mystic rose, the tendril of His conception.

2. They looked up and saw a shining star in the East beyond them,
   A guiding star sent from God's celestial presence.

3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise men came from the country far,
   Seeking to reverence their gifts in the birthplace of the King.

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west O'er Bethlem's gels, where the kingly multitude lay,
   Whose children slept in their garments, without the comfort of the fields they comforted.

5. Then entered in those fields three Wise men reverently,
   The shepherd's fields where the shepherds lay. The gift of myrrh and frankincense signifies their honor.

Shepherds in fields as they lay In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
   Men of the East beyond them, by the light of the same star they came from the country far and there they did both rest and keep.

Last of the shepherds, in fields far and near, where the light of day and night was so deep, the Noel, the Noel, the Noel was sent from God's celestial presence.

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