

SAMPLE SCORE in C

for the Royal Northern College of Music Carol Service - 12/12/99

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell
Traditional English tune,
arranged by Paul Walton

Traditional

(Organ playover)

Verse 1

The musical score is arranged in a system of staves. The top section includes four staves for Trumpets (1, 2, and 3 in B♭) and three staves for Trombones (1, 2, and 3), plus a Tuba staff. All brass instruments are marked with a dynamic of *mf*. The bottom section is for Voices & Organ, with a **(Unison)** instruction. The lyrics are: "The first No - well the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep-herds in". The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Verse 2

(Harmony)

Voices & Org.

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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!

Verse 3

Tpt 1

f

Voices & Org.

And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from

7

Tpt 1

Voices & Org.

coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in - tent, And to



13

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Tpt 3

Tbn 1

Tbn 2

Tbn 3

Voices & Org.

fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went: No - well, no - well, no -

mf

19

Tpt 2

Tpt 3

Tbn 1

Tbn 2

Tbn 3

Voices & Org.

- well, no - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Verse 4

Harmony

Voices & Org.

This_ star_ drew_ nigh_ to the north- west: O'er Beth - le - hem_ it

7

Voices & Org.

took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay Right



13

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Tpt 3

Tbn 1

Tbn 2

Tbn 3

Tba

Timp.

Voices & Org.

o - ver the place where Je - sus lay: Unison No - well, no - well, no -

19

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Tpt 3

Tbn 1

Tbn 2

Tbn 3

Voices
& Org.

- well, no - well, Born is the King— of Is - ra - el!

13

Tpt 1
ff

Tpt 2
ff

Tpt 3
ff

Tbn 1
ff

Tbn 2
ff

Tbn 3
ff

Tba
ff

Timp.
ff *tr*

Perc.
f *l.v.*

Voices
with his blood man - kind hath bought: Harmony
No - well, no - well, no -

Org.
Harmony

Detailed description: This page of a musical score covers measures 13 through 16. It features a large ensemble of instruments and voices. The brass section includes three trumpets (Tpt 1, 2, 3), three trombones (Tbn 1, 2, 3), and a tuba (Tba), all playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes with a forte (*ff*) dynamic. The percussion section includes timpani (Timp.) with a trill (*tr*) and various other percussion instruments (Perc.) with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The vocal parts (Voices) enter in measure 13 with the lyrics "with his blood man - kind hath bought:" and continue with "No - well, no - well, no -". The organ (Org.) provides harmonic support throughout the passage. The score is written in a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C).

19

Tpt 1 *f* *ff*
 Tpt 2 *f* *ff*
 Tpt 3 *f* *ff*
 Tbn 1 *f* *ff*
 Tbn 2 *f* *ff*
 Tbn 3 *f* *ff*
 Tba *f* *ff* *8ve lower ad lib*
 Timp. *f* *ff*
 Perc. *mf* *ff* *To cymbals* *Cymbals*
 Voices *-well, no - well, Born_ is the_ King_ of Is - ra - el!*
 Org.