THE FIRST NOEL

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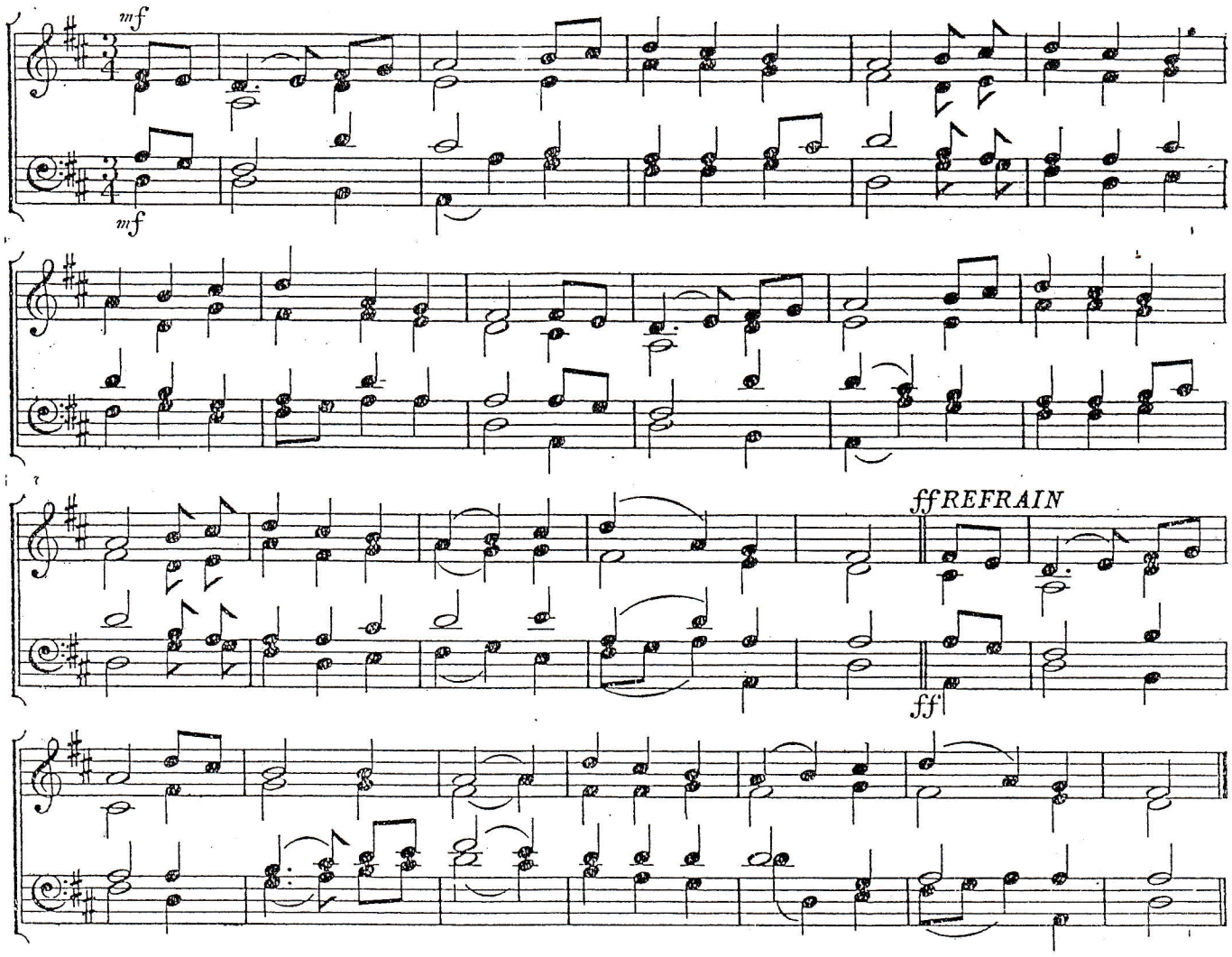

1 The first Nowell the Angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They lookèd 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,
Born is the King of Israel.

3 And by the light of that same Star,
Three Wisemen came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the Star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

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4 This Star drew nigh to the north-west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

5 Then entered in those Wisemen three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in His Presence,
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord,
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
And with His Blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

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