

# The First Noel

(Duet\* / Piano)

Text: Traditional English carol  
Music: Traditional English melody  
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Tune: MY DANCING DAY

Joyfully ♩ = 120-132

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system shows the instrumental introduction for High voice, Low voice, and Piano. The second system begins with a box labeled 'A' above measure 4, followed by vocal lines for High (H) and Low (L) voices and piano accompaniment (Pno.). The lyrics for the first system are: "The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor". The third system continues the vocal lines and piano accompaniment with the lyrics: "shep - herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay". The piano part includes dynamic markings such as *mp* and *mf*.

\* This piece was originally written as a soprano / tenor duet, but can be effectively sung by a two-voice choir (women / men)