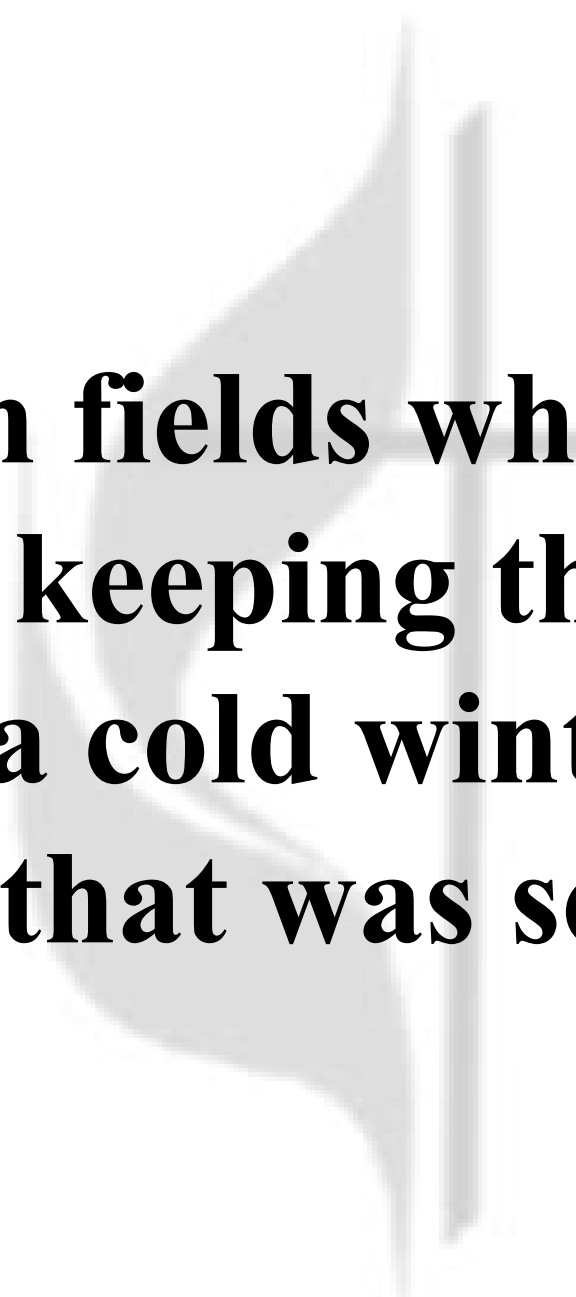


The First Noel

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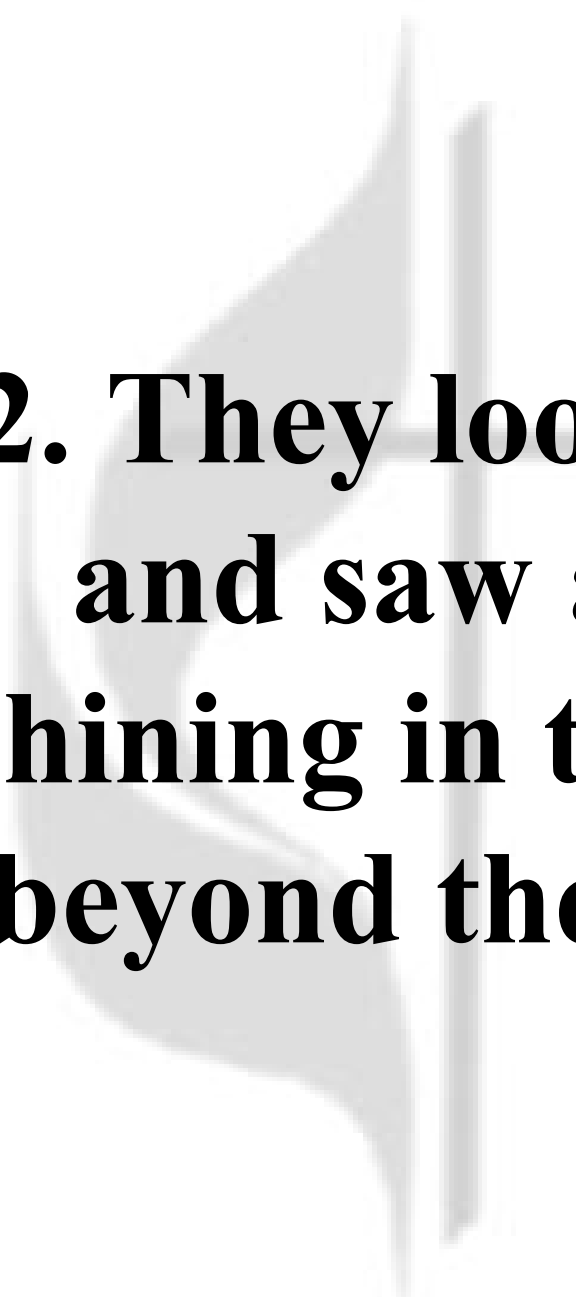
**1. The first Noel
the angel did say
was to certain
poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;**



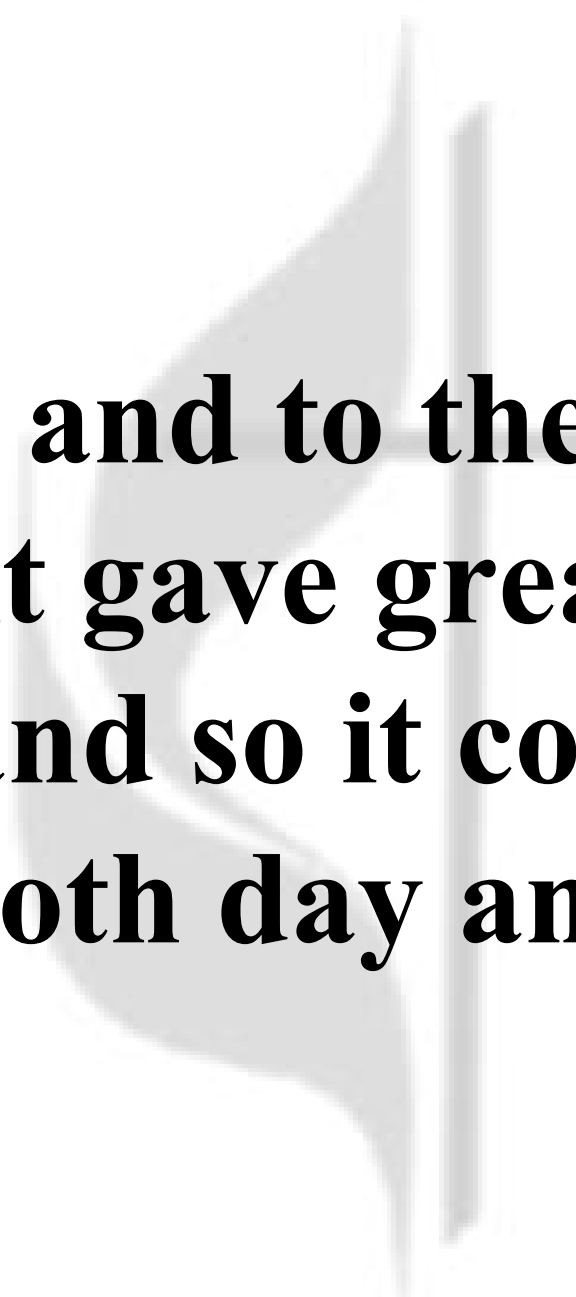
**in fields where they
lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night
that was so deep.**

Refrain

**Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the
King of Israel.**



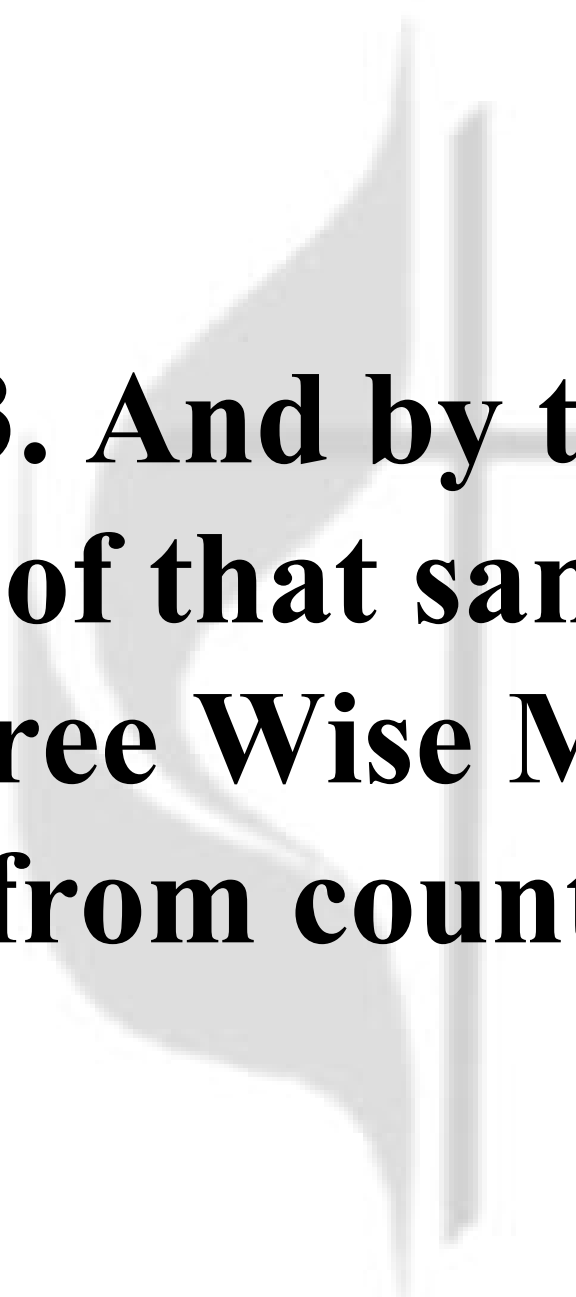
**2. They looked up
and saw a star
shining in the east,
beyond them far;**



**and to the earth
it gave great light,
and so it continued
both day and night.**

Refrain

**Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the
King of Israel.**



**3. And by the light
of that same star
three Wise Men came
from country far;**



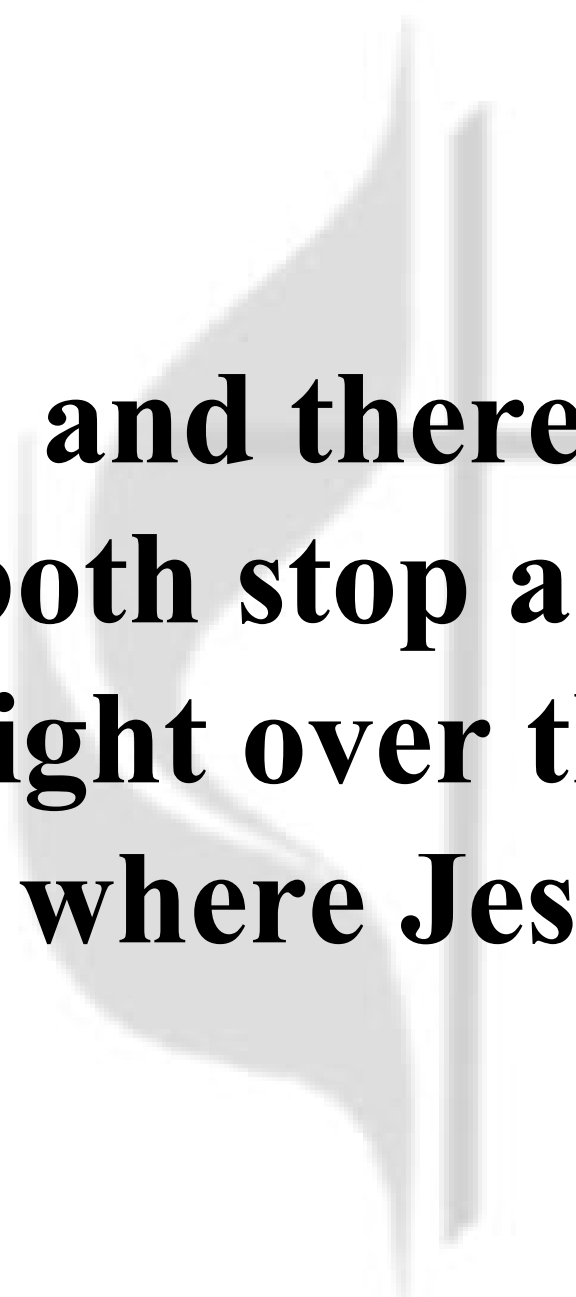
**to seek for a king
was their intent,
and to follow the star
wherever it went.**

Refrain

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born is the
King of Israel.**



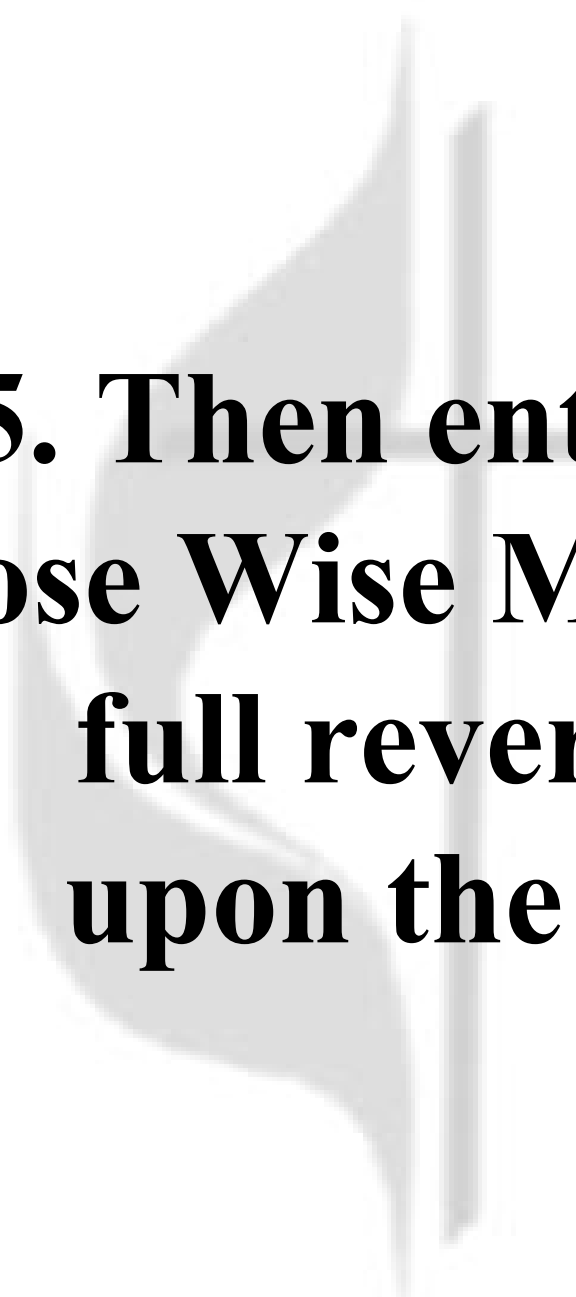
**4. This star drew nigh
to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem
it took its rest;**



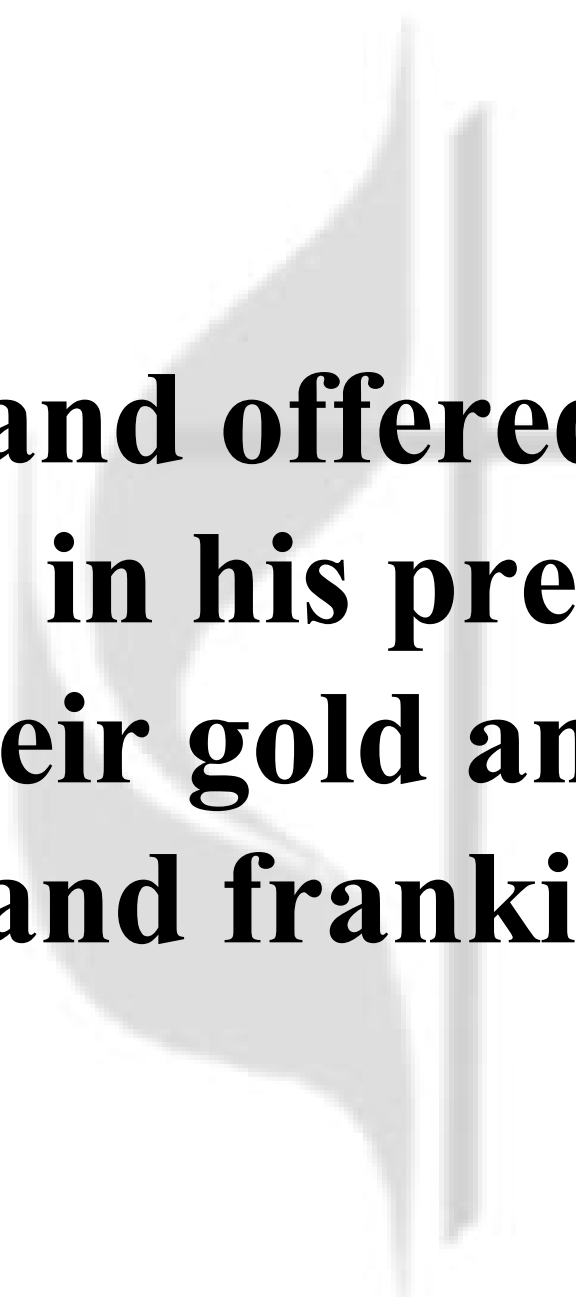
**and there it did
both stop and stay,
right over the place
where Jesus lay.**

Refrain

**Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the
King of Israel.**



**5. Then entered in
those Wise Men three,
full reverently
upon the knee,**



**and offered there,
in his presence,
their gold and myrrh
and frankincense.**

Refrain

**Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the
King of Israel.**