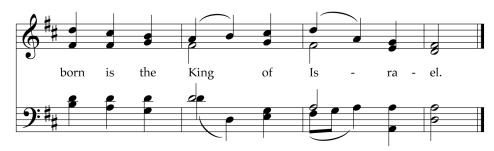


"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" ($natus / n\acute{e}$) as well to "news" (nova / nouvelle).

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

5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and the street of th Refrain