



The first Noël

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Allegretto (♩=96)

The musical score is arranged in two systems. The first system contains the vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. Each vocal line begins with a treble clef (except for Bass which has a bass clef), a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The vocal parts are mostly silent for the first four measures, with a final measure containing a half note. The Soprano part has a dynamic marking of *p* and a fermata over the final note. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts have a dynamic marking of *p*. Below each vocal line are two lines of lyrics: "1. The_" and "2. They_". The second system contains the string parts: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass (ad lib.). All string parts begin with a treble clef (except for Violoncello and Double Bass which have bass clefs), a key signature of two sharps, and a 3/4 time signature. The string parts play a melodic line starting in the second measure, with a dynamic marking of *mf*. A vertical dashed line is present at the end of the fourth measure, indicating the end of the piece.

S. 
cer - tain poor she - pherds in fields as they lay. In____
in____ the East____ be - yond____ them far. And____


A. 
cer - tain poor she - pherds in fields as they lay. In____
in____ the East____ be - yond____ them far. And____


T. 
cer - tain poor she - pherds in fields as they lay. In____
in____ the East____ be - yond____ them far. And____

B. 
cer - tain poor she - pherds in fields as they lay. In____
in____ the East____ be - yond____ them far. And____

Vln. I 

Vln. II 

Vla. 

Vc. 

Db. 

S. *f*
 cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
 so it con - ti - nued both day and night.

A. *f*
 cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
 so it con - ti - nued both day and night.

T. *f*
 cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
 so it con - ti - nued both day and night.

B. *f*
 cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
 so it con - ti - nued both day and night.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.