

Carols of Christmas *The First Noel*

A Rich History – The First Noel

- The Middle Ages
- The early 1800's
- Noel means "Birthday"

The Song's Purpose

1. To remind people of the gospel narrative in Christ's birth
 - Verse 1 – Shepherds – Luke 2:8ff
 - Verses 2-5 – the Magi – Matthew 2:1ff
2. To provide a call to action for the followers of Christ – Verse 6
 - *"Let us all with one accord"* – Philippians 2:1-4
 - *"Sing praises to our heavenly Lord"* – Romans 15:5-6; Colossians 3:14-16

The Reasons for Unified Praise:

- *"Made heav'n and earth"* – Genesis 1; Jeremiah 32:17
- *"Of naught"* - Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:10; Romans 4:17
- *"With His blood mankind hath bought"* – Romans 3:25; Romans 5:1,9; Ephesians 1:7