

WIND THROUGH THE OLIVE TREES

Two-Part, accompanied

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Range:



Time: Approx. 2:35

*Difficulty: Moderate

Performance Notes

Although its origin is unknown, *Wind Through the Olive Trees* has become a Christmas classic through the years. *The First Noel* is a traditional English carol that dates back to the 16th century, but was first published in 1833. The word “noel” comes from the Latin *natalis*, which has been translated “the Christmas season.” As you sing this anthem, remember that you are keeping traditions alive that have been passed down for centuries.

Wind Through the Olive Trees begins in a minor key, portraying the mystery and wonder of the Christmas season. Listen carefully as you tune the simple, yet lovely, harmonies in this section. Imagine that you are painting a picture of a time long ago as you sing.

The sparse accompaniment in *The First Noel* gives singers and listeners the feeling of a *capella* singing. So once again, tune carefully, even while singing in unison. Save your *forte* singing for the section where the melodies partner, and finish the anthem softly and meditatively.

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*Traditional English Carol,
Incorporating "THE FIRST NOEL"
arranged by BECKI SLAGLE MAYO (ASCAP)*

Gently (♩ = 84)

8^{va}

5

I *mp*
Wind through the ol - ive trees soft - ly did blow,

II *mp*
Wind through the ol - ive trees soft - ly did blow,

9

Round lit - tle Beth - le-hem long, long a - go.

Round lit - tle Beth - le-hem long, long a - go.

mp

13

Sheep on the hill - side lay whit - er than snow,

Sheep on the hill - side lay whit - er than snow,

17

Shep - herds were watch - ing them, long, long a - go.

Shep - herds were watch - ing them, long, long a - go.

mp

21

mf
An - gels from heav - en were sing - ing no -

mf
An - gels from heav - en were sing - ing no -

mf

25

el, Born is the King of Is - ra -

el. Born is the King of Is - ra -

29

el. The_ The_

el. The_

mp

mp

mp

8va

8vb

33

first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to

first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

Ped. *

Ped. *

Ped. *

Ped. *

Ped. *

37

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields where they lay. In

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields where they lay. In

(8)

Ped. * Ped. 8^{vb} * Ped. 8^{vb} * Ped. 8^{vb} *

41

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a

(8)

mf

Ped. 8^{vb} * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

45

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. 8^{vb} * Ped. 8^{vb} *

49 *f*

An - gels from heav - en were

f

No - el, no - el, no -

52

sing - ing no - el. Born is the King of

el, no - el. Born is the King of

56 *mf*

Is - ra - el. A

Is - ra - el. A

mf

60

King came to Beth - le-hem long, long a - go,

King came to Beth - le-hem long, long a - go,

64

mp A King came to Beth - le - hem long,

mp A King came to Beth - le - hem long,

mp

68

long a - go. *rit.* *pp*

long a - go. *rit.* *pp*

rit. *pp*

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