Compression Puzzle Solution: Christmas Carol 1

The words of the carol with punctuation and capitals removed is:

the first noel the angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
in fields where they lay a keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep
noel noel noel noel
born is the king of israel
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