

# 61. Once in royal David's city

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Vv. 1-5 harmonized by A. H. MANN (1850-1929)  
V. 6 arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

**SOPRANO**  
**ALTO**

\* 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a low - ly cat - tle - shed,  
Where a mo - ther laid her ba - by In a man - ger for - his - bed:  
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven Who is God and Lord of - all,  
And his shel - ter was - a - sta - ble, And his cra - dle was - a - stall;

**TENOR**  
**BASS**

Ma - ry - was that mo - ther mild, - Je - sus - Christ her lit - tle - child.  
With - the - poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived - on - earth - our Sa - viour ho - ly.

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| <p>3. And through all his wondrous childhood<br/>He would honour and obey,<br/>Love, and watch the lowly maiden,<br/>In whose gentle arms he lay;<br/>Christian children all must be<br/>Mild, obedient, good as he.</p>     | <p>4. For he is our childhood's pattern,<br/>Day by day like us he grew,<br/>He was little, weak and helpless,<br/>Tears and smiles like us he knew;<br/>And he feeleth for our sadness,<br/>And he shareth in our gladness.</p> |
| <p>5. And our eyes at last shall see him,<br/>Through his own redeeming love,<br/>For that child so dear and gentle<br/>Is our Lord in heaven above;<br/>And he leads his children on<br/>To the place where he is gone.</p> |  |

**DESCANT**  
**(SOPRANOS)**

6. Not in that - poor low - ly sta - ble, With the

**ALL OTHER VOICES**

6. Not in that poor low - ly - sta - ble, With the

**ORGAN**  
**Man.**

**Ped.**

Also available separately (*Six Christmas Hymns* arr. David Willcocks)  
\* The first verse may be sung by a solo treble.

ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in  
 ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in

hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like  
 hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like

*cresc.*  
*cresc.*  
*cresc.*

stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.  
 stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

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