

Once in Royal David's city

1. Junior choir only:

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. Junior choir only:

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. Adult Choir only

And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. ALL

For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

5. ALL

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

6. ALL descant

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

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Melody H J Gauntlett
Harmonised vv1-5 by A H Mann
V6 with descant by David Willcocks

Words by C.F.Alexander

Intro - organ/piano - melody line only bars 1-5 then count 4.
1st and 2nd verse - JC with melody line on organ/piano only.
3rd verse - Senior Choir
4th verse - All + 5Ts brass, organ tacet
5th verse - All + 5Ts brass, organ tacet
6th verse - organ/5Ts Brass as written
Use piano for Intro and verses 1 and 2
Use OIRDC-intro score for Intro and Verses 1,2 only

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Trumpet in B \flat

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Alto Trombone

Tenor Trombone

Tuba

Choir

Organ

1. Once in Roy - al Da - vid's cit - 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;
Verses 3-5 per separate sheet

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Descant

6. Not in that poor low - ly

Ma - ry - was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle - child. 6. Not in that poor low - ly -
With - the poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sa - viour holy.

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sta - ble, With the ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him, but in hea - ven, Set at

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15 16 17 rit.

Tpt. *cresc.*

Tpt. *p* *f*

A. Tbn. *p* *f*

Tbn. *p* *f*

Tba. *p* *f*

Desc. God's right hand on high; When like stars his child-ren crowned All in white shall wait a round

Choir God's right hand on high; When like stars his child-ren crowned All in white shall wait a round

Org. *cresc.* rit.

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