

31. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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Vv. 1-5 harmonised by A. H. MANN
Descant and organ part by DAVID WILLCOCKS

♩ = 63

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.

3. 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. 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. 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.

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.

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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; Where like

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cresc.

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

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