

# Once in Royal David's City

Unison / two part with congregation, organ and treble instrument

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Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Lk. 2:7)

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Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849  
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**Tenderly** ♩ = c. 68

Treble instrument *p*

Choir Solo, or few voices *mp*  
1. Once in roy - al

Organ *p*

6 Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by

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8' only

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in a man - ger for his bed; Ma - ry, lov - ing moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her

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## Choir and Congregation

16 *mf*

lit - tle child. 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,

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16 *mf*

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Add 16'

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and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, the

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26 *Choir mp*

scorned, the low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly. 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern;

26 *mp*

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31 *p*

day by day, like us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and smiles like

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us he knew; and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth

**Stately**

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in our glad-ness. 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;

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**Choir Descant**

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**Congregation**

4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;

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for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;

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for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;

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and he leads his child - ren on to the place where he is gone.

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and he leads his child - ren on to the place where he is gone.

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