

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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SOPRANO
ALTO

♩ = 63

* 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)

ALL OTHER
VOICES

ORGAN
Man.

Ped.

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

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

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.