

07. Once in Royal David's City

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 63. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first five verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the verses, including the bridge. The third system contains the final lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
where a mo - ther laid her ba - by In a

2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his

4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by
he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and

5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
For that child so dear and gen - tle is our

low - ly cat - tle shed,
man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther
God and Lord of all,
cra - dle was a stall; With the poor and mean and
day like us he grew,
smiles like us he knew: and he fee - leth for our
own re - deem - ing love
Lord in hea - ven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild, — Je - sus Christ — her lit - tle child.
low - ly lived on earth — our Sa - viour ho - ly.
sad - ness, and he sha - reth in our glad - ness.
on — to the place — where he is gone.