

07. Once in Royal David's City

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$\text{♩} = 63$

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D 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 five verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics, and the third system concludes the piece. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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

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.