

## 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 lines of the hymn. The second system contains lines 6 through 10. The third system contains lines 11 through 14. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. 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, 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.