

61. Once in royal David's city

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Vv. 1-5 harmonized by A. H. MANN (1850-1929)
V. 6 arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

♩ = 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;
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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Also available separately (*Six Christmas Hymns* arr. David Willcocks)

* The first verse may be sung by a solo treble.

ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in

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

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cresc.

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stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

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