

# Once In Royal David's City (*Irby*)

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)  
harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)  
descant & organ part by Paul Halley

Choir and Organ

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord of all,  
3 And through all his won - drous child - hood he would ho - nor and o - bey,  
4 For he is our child hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he grew,  
5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love,  
where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
love and watch the low - ly maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he lay:  
he was lit - tle, weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew:  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heaven a - bove;  
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 - vior ho - ly.  
Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

For a full arrangement by Paul Halley of this hymn  
see PEL5022 in the Pelagos Liturgical Music Series

Desc. 6 Not in that poor sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by, \_\_\_\_\_

Mel. 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

Org.

we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

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where like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

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