

# Once in Royal David's City

Stanzas 1-2 & 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1885), alt;  
stanza 3, James Waring McCrady (b.1938)

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melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)  
harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)  
double descant Charles H. Giffen

I

Descant

II

2 He came down to earth from heaven, who is  
6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the

4 For he is that our poor life-long pattern; dai-ly  
6 Not in that our poor life-long pattern; dai-ly

1 Once in royal David's city stood a  
2 He came down to earth from heaven, who is  
3 We, like Mary, rest con-founded that a  
4 For he is our life-long pattern; dai-ly  
5 And our eyes at last shall see him through his  
6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the

God and Lord of all, and his shel-ter him; was a  
ox-en stand-ing round, and we shall see him; but in

when on earth he grew, he was tempt-ed, scorned, re-  
ox-en stand-ing round, we shall see him, but in

low-ly cat-tle shed, where a his mo-shel-ter laid her  
God and Lord of all, and he-ven's Word, the world's cre-  
sta-ble should dis-play he-ven's Word, tempt-ed, scorned, re-  
when on earth he grew, he was tempt-ed, scorned, re-  
own re-deem-ing love; for that child who seemed to  
ox-en stand-ing round, we shall see him, but in

2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a - stall; with the -  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he - knew. Thus he -  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a - stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day; yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he - knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in his heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, when his saints throne sur - round: Christ, re -

poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 child, our Lord, and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 leads his chi - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.