

Once in Royal David's City

(SSAATB, piano, optional organ)

Text by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music by Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Arranged by Katherine Wright

Peacefully ♩ = 72

rit. . . . A tempo, freely
sopranos or solo

7

mp Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly

12

p cat - tle - shed, Where a moth - er laid her - ba - by In a man - ger for his bed:

17

mp A tempo *molto rit.* . . . A tempo
Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.

22

mp *men, gently*
He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is God and Lord of all,

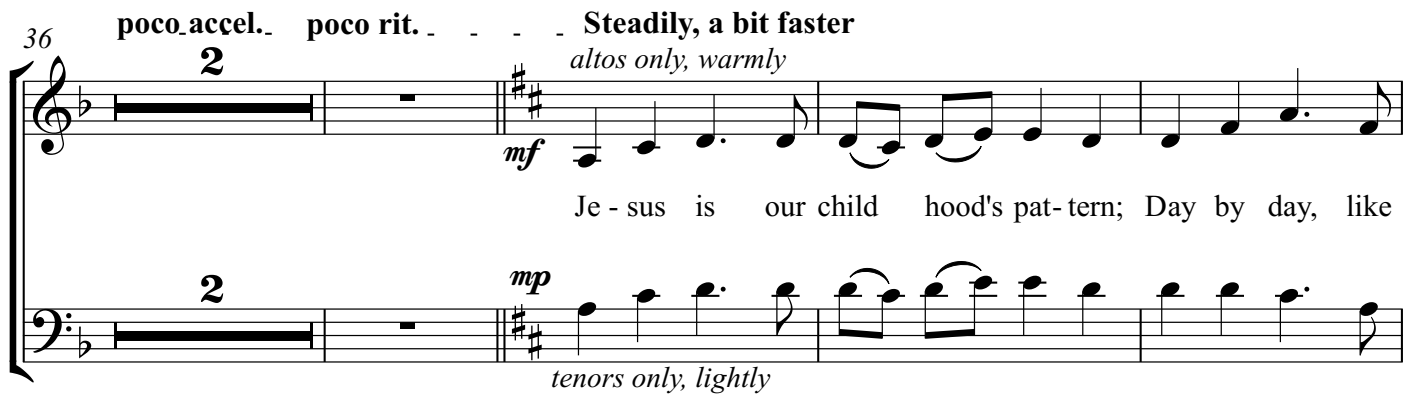
27

And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall;

31

mf
With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

36 *poco accel.* *poco rit.* . . . **Steadily, a bit faster**
altos only, warmly



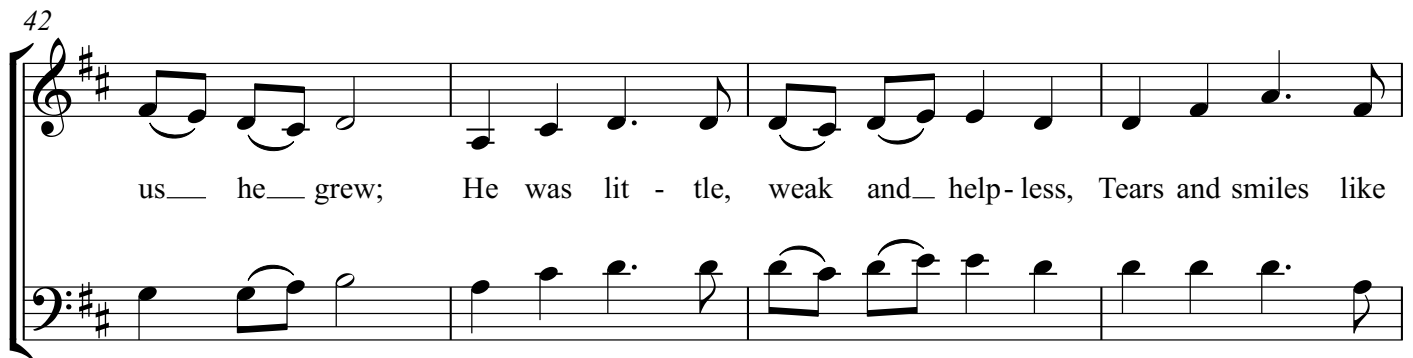
mf

Je - sus is our child hood's pat - tern; Day by day, like

mp

tenors only, lightly

42



us__ he__ grew; He was lit - tle, weak and__ help - less, Tears and smiles like

46



us__ he__ knew; And he feel - eth for our sad - ness,

50 *cresc.* *rit.*



And he shar - eth in__ our__ glad - ness.____

cresc.

54

A tempo*mf*

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re - deem ing love;

mf

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mf

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re - deem - ing love;

58

*cresc.**rit.*

For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav - en a - bove,

cresc.

For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav - en a - bove,

cresc.

For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove_

62

Moving forward*f*

And he leads his chil - dren on To the place where

f

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f

And he leads his chil - dren on To the place where

65 *poco a poco cresc.* **molto rit.**

he is gone.

he is gone.

he is gone.

70 **Broadly**

Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en

Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en

Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en

73

stand - ing by, But in heav - en we shall see him,

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stand - ing by, But in heav - en we shall see him,

poco rit. Moving Forward

76

Set at God's right hand on high; When like stars his

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79

child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a -

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82 **A tempo, Broader**

round. A - - men!

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