

for the Colorado Mormon Chorale

Once in Royal David's City

(SSAATTBB, piano, optional organ)

Text by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music by Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Arranged by Katherine Wright

Peacefully ♩ = 72

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a tempo of ♩ = 72. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The right hand starts with a series of chords and a melodic line, while the left hand provides a simple accompaniment. The piece is marked *mp* and includes the instruction "with pedal".

The first line of the song is marked *rit.* and *A tempo, freely* (optional: solo). The vocal line (S) begins at measure 6 with the lyrics "Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y". The piano accompaniment continues from the previous section, marked *mp* and *p*. The piano part includes a *rit.* and *A tempo, freely* marking.

The second line of the song is marked *p* and *pp*. The vocal line (S) begins at measure 11 with the lyrics "Stood a low - ly cat - tle_ shed, Where a moth - er laid_ her_ ba - by In a man - ger". The piano accompaniment continues from the previous section, marked *p* and *pp*.

16 **rit.** **A tempo**

S. *mp*

for his bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her

rit. **A tempo**

p

20 **molto rit.** . **A tempo**

S. *mp* gently

lit - tle child.

T. *mp* gently

B. *mp* gently

He came down to earth from heav - en,

molto rit. . **A tempo**

mp

25

T. Who is God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble,

B. Who is God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble,

29 *mf*

T. And his cra - dle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and low - ly,

B. *mf*

33 *poco accel.*

T. Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

B. *poco accel.*

poco cresc.

38 *poco rit.* - - - - - Steadily, a bit faster *mf*

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

T. *mp (lightly)*

poco rit. - - - - - Steadily, a bit faster *mf*

sim.

42

A. us_ he_grew; He was lit - tle, weak and_help - less, Tears and smiles like

T.

mp *delicately*

46

A. us_ he_knew; And he feel - eth for our sad-ness,

T.

50

A. *cresc.* And he shar - eth in_ our_glad ness._____

T. *cresc.*

rit.

A tempo

54 *mf*

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

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

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

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

A tempo

mf

let chords ring!

sim.

58

S. For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav - en a - bove, *cresc.* *rit.*

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

T. For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove *cresc.*

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

cresc. *f* *rit.*

Moving forward

62 *f*

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

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

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

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

Moving forward

mf smoothly

molto rit.

66

S. gone. *poco a poco cresc.*

A. gone. *poco a poco cresc.*

T. gone. *poco a poco cresc.*

B. gone. *poco a poco cresc.*

molto rit.

poco a poco cresc.

8^{va}

Broadly

70 *f*

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

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

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

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

Broadly

(8) *f* *8va* *sim.*

73

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

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

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

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

(8) *8va* *8va* *8va*

8 **poco rit.** . . . **Moving Forward**

76

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

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

T. Set at God's right hand on high; When like stars his

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

poco rit. . . . **Moving Forward**

(8)

smoothly

79

S. child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a -

A. child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a -

T. child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a -

B. child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a -

rit. . . .

