

Once in Royal David's City

Christmas Anthem for Mixed Voices (SATB) and Organ

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Tune: IRBY, by Henry F. Gauntlett (1805–1876)

Expressively
SA *p*

Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle

TB

shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er

p *mp*

mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.

dim. *p*

He came

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13 Slightly faster

unis. *mp*

and his

down to earth— from— heav - en who is Lord and God— of— all,

13 Slightly faster ♩ = c. 72

mp

shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a

and his shel - ter a sta - ble, and his cra - dle a

stall:

lived on

stall: with the poor, and mean, and low - ly,

mp *mf*

23 *dim.* *mp unis.* **More motion**

earth our Sav - ior ho - ly. And our eyes at last shall see him, thro' his

23 **More motion** ♩ = c. 80

27

own re-deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

27

31

Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he leads his chil - dren

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