

# ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Trumpet 2 in B♭ Intro - organ - melody line only bars 1-5 then count 4.  
 1st and 2nd verse - JCC with melody line on organ only. Melody H J Gauntlett  
 3rd verse - Senior singers - with organ 5Ts tacet. Harmonised vv1-5 by A H Mann  
 Words by C.F.Alexander 4th verse - All + 5Ts brass , organ tacet V6 with descant by David Willcocks  
 5th verse - All + 5Ts brass, organ tacet Arranged Anthony Hodson  
 6th verse - organ/5Ts Brass as written

**1. Junior choir only:**

Once in royal David's city  
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
 Where a mother laid her baby  
 In a manger for his bed:  
 Mary was that mother mild,  
 Jesus Christ her little child.

**2. Junior choir only:**

He came down to earth from heaven  
 Who is God and Lord of all,  
 And his shelter was a stable,  
 And his cradle was a stall;  
 With the poor and mean and lowly  
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

**3. Senior singers only with organ**

And through all his wondrous childhood  
 He would honour and obey,  
 Love and watch the lowly maiden,  
 In whose gentle arms he lay:  
 Christian children all must be  
 Mild, obedient, good as he.

**4. ALL with Quintet**

For he is our childhood's pattern,  
 Day by day like us he grew,  
 He was little, weak, and helpless,  
 Tears and smiles like us he knew:  
 And he feeleth for our sadness,  
 And he shareth in our gladness.

**5. ALL with Quintet**

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
 Through his own redeeming love,  
 For that child so dear and gentle  
 Is our Lord in heaven above;  
 And he leads his children on  
 To the place where he is gone.

6. ALL descant, Quintet, Organ  
 Not in that poor lowly stable,  
 With the oxen standing by,  
 We shall see him; but in heaven,  
 Set at God's right hand on high;  
 Where like stars his children crowned  
 All in white shall wait around.

