

Tuba

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Melody H J Gauntlett

Words by C.F.Alexander

Harmonised vv1-5 by A H Mann

V6 with descant by David Willcocks

Arranged Anthony Hodson

Intro - organ - melody line only bars 1-5 then count 4.

1st and 2nd verse - JCC with melody line on organ only.

3rd verse - Senior singers - with organ 5Ts tacet.

4th verse - All + 5Ts brass , organ tacet

5th verse - All + 5Ts brass, organ tacet

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.

