

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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

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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

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

The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'Once in Royal David's City'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system starts at bar 0 and ends at bar 5. The second system starts at bar 4 and ends at bar 9. The music is written for organ, with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody line is in the treble clef, and the organ accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and ornaments.

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.

Verse 6 Descant

8 *f*
 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en stand - ing by,
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 12 13

We shall see him, but in hea ven, Set at God's right hand on high;
 We shall see him; but in hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high;
 16 17

Where like stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round
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 16 17 *rit.*
cresc.