

Once in Royal David's City

(T. T. B. B.)

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), in *Hymns for Little Children* (London: 1848), p. 30-31, no. 11

Music: Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); in *Christmas Carols* (London: 1849), no. i

Tune name: IRBY

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♩ = 69-84

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (T. T. B. B.) in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
2. He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is God and
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re -

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cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
- deem - ing love; For this child so dear and gen - tle

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In a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that
And his cra - dle was a stall; With the poor, and
Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, And he leads his

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moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
chil - dren on To the place where he is gone.