

Once In Royal David's City

for SATB Chorus, Flute, and Piano (and optional Cello)

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876
arr. Steven Smith

Sweetly (♩ = ca.116)

Piano

mp

5 **Soprano**
mf

S Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, —

Pno. *p*

9

S Where a moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger for his bed: —

Pno. *mp* *mf*

13

S

Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle —

Pno.

mp *mf*

17

S

child. —

Pno.

mp

21 Soprano & Alto

SA

mf

He came down to earth — from — heav - en, Who is God and Lord — of — all, —

Pno.

p *pp*

25

SA

And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall;—

Pno.

p

mf

29

SA

With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior—

Pno.

mp

mf

33

SA

ho - ly.——

Pno.

mp

rit.

37 Soprano & Alto

p

SA

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re - deem - ing love;

Tenor & Bass

p

TB

a tempo, but slightly slower

Pno.

p

41 *poco a poco accel.*

mp

SA

For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,

mp

TB

poco a poco accel.

Pno.

pp

p cresc.

v

45 *f a tempo*

SA
And he leads his chil - dren on — To the place where he is gone. —

TB

Pno. *a tempo*
f *mf*

49

SA
Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle —

TB

Pno. *mf* *f*

53

SA

child; Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.

mp

p

TB

mp

p

Pno.

mf

mp

pp

p

pp