

# Once In Royal David's City

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

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

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Sweetly (♩ = ca. 116)

Piano

*mp*

5 Soprano I  
*mf*

S I

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

Pno.

*p*

9

S I

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

Pno.

*mp* *mf*

13

S I

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

Pno.

*mp* *mf*

17

S I

child.

Pno.

*mp*

21 Soprano II

S II

*mf*

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

Pno.

*p* *pp*

25

S II

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

Pno.

*p* *mf*

29 **Soprano I**  
*mf*

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

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

Pno. *mp* *mf*

33

S I ho - ly.

S II ho - ly.

Pno. *mp* *rit.*

37 *mp a tempo, but slightly slower*

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

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

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

Pno. *a tempo, but slightly slower* *p*

41 *poco a poco accel.*

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

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

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

Pno. *pp* *p* *mf*

45 *mf a tempo*

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

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

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

Pno. *a tempo* *mp*

49

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

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

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

Pno.  
*mf* *f*

53

S I  
child; Je - sus Christ her lit - tle— child. *mp*

S II  
child; Je - sus Christ her lit - tle— child. *mp*

A  
child; Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. *mp*

Pno.  
*mf* *mp* *p* *pp*