

For Dale Warland
Once in Royal David's City
 SATB *divisi, a cappella*

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Based on *IRBY*

Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95

by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-76

Solo or Small Ensemble
p

Unison
Voices

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's— cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle—
 4 shed, Where a moth - er laid— her— ba - by In a man - ger for— his—
 8 bed. Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle— child.

mp 13

Soprano

2. He came down to earth— from— heav - en Who is God and Lord— of—
 Alto

mp

16 *mf*

all, And his shel - ter was— a— sta - ble, And his
mf

19 *mp*

cra - dle was— a— stall. With— the— poor— and mean— and—
mp

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22 *mp*

low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

mp

Tenor *mp* 25 *Div.*

3. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
(Je - sus)

Bass *mp* *Unison* *Div.*

27

day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and

mf *f*

mf *f*

30

help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew; And he

mf *f*

mf *f*

33 *mf* *mp*

feel - eth for our sad - ness, And he shar - eth in our glad - ness.

mf *mp*

mf *mp*

Broadly

p 37 *mp*

Soprano
Alto

4. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his

Tenor
Bass

p *mp*

39 *p* *mp*

own re-deem-ing love, For that Child so dear and gen-tle Is our

43 *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

Lord in heav-en a-bove; And he leads his chil-dren

46 *mf* *mf*

on To the place where he is gone. *A-men.

*The "Amen" is optional. Basses sing low F on "gone" only if "Amen" is not sung.