
ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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Music
Henry John Gauntlett and
Descant arranged by R. Mather

SATB, Descant and Organ

Cantate Domino
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H.J. Gauntlett. (Irby)
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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
3. And throughall his won - drous child-hood, he would hon - our and o - bey,
4. For he is our child-hoods pat - tern, Day by day like us he grew,
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love,

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1. where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for a bed:
2. and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
3. love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay;
4. he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew:
5. for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove:

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1. Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2. with the poor and mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sa - viour ho - ly.
3. Christ - ian child - ren all must be mild, o - be - dient good as he.
4. and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
5. and he leads his child - ren on to the place where he has gone.

13 **Descant.**

ff 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by. We shall see him,

All other voices.

ff 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by. We shall

Organ.

ff

Pedal.

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see him but in hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high, where like

see him but in hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high, where like

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stars; chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

stars his child - ren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.