

*Dedicated to Snowmass Chapel's ministry through music,
Snowmass Village, Colorado; Christmas 1995.*

Once in Royal David's City

*For Unison/2-Part Choir, Keyboard, and Optional Handbells and Violin/C Instrument**

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848

IRBY
Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849
Arranged by HOWARD HELVEY
(ASCAP)

Handbells used: 18



Tenderly, not rushed ♩ = 63

A musical score for 'Once in Royal David's City'. The score is in 4/4 time and features a treble staff, a piano accompaniment (piano and bass staves), and a handbell part. The piano accompaniment begins with a series of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand, marked with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic. The handbell part enters in the second measure, marked with a double asterisk (**). The score is divided into three measures, with measure numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicated at the bottom. The tempo is marked 'Tenderly, not rushed' with a quarter note equal to 63 beats per minute. The key signature is one flat (Bb). The piano part includes a section marked '+Instr.' and '(Handbells continue)'. The handbell part includes a section marked '**'.

* Separate Handbell Parts (BP1486A) and Violin/C Instrument Part (BP1486B) are available from the publisher.

**Keyboard omit notes within brackets when handbells are used.

BP1486-2

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(SA) * *mp*

-Instr. Once in roy - al Da - vid's - cit - y Stood a

-HB (tacet to meas. 12)

(TB)

low - ly cat - tle - shed, Where a moth - er laid - her -

(SA) *mf*

Ba - by In a man - ger for - His - bed: Ma - ry

mf
+HB

poco rit.

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

HB cont. thru meas. 30)

poco rit.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

*Alternate indications for mixed choir in ().

mp a tempo (TB) *mp*

Child. + Instr. He came

mp a tempo

16 17 18

down to earth_ from_ heav - en Who is God and Lord_ of _

-Instr.

19 20 21

(SA) *p*

all, And His shel - ter was _ a _ sta - ble, And His

p

22 23 24

(SATB) *mp*

cra - dle was _ a _ stall: With the poor, and mean, and

(*p*) *mp*

25 26 27

poco rit. *p a tempo*

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

poco rit. *p a tempo*

28 29 30

I

II (optional)

(HB tacet to meas. 46)

mp

31 32 33

(SA) *p*

Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by

(TB) *p*

Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by

(Instr. continues if Pt. II is not sung)

p

34 35 36