

A Ward Chair Arrangement

Once in Royal David's City

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The musical score is written for SAB voices and piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal staff (Soprano, Alto, and Bass clefs) and a piano accompaniment staff (Grand staff with Treble and Bass clefs). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Once in royal David's city', 'Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby', 'in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild,'. Measure numbers 4, 8, and 12 are indicated above the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a simpler bass line in the left hand.

Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y

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

in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er mild,

Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.

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

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

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

And our eyes at last shall see him,

through his own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and gen - tle

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is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on

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

To the place where he *rit.* is gone.

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