

Once in Royal David's City

v. 1: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Henry John Gaunlett, 1849

vv. 2-4: Carl Seaburg

harmonized Arthur H. Mann, 1919

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's hol - y Stood a
 2. Shep - herds came to see this won - der, And to
 3. From a - far three ma - gi - jour - neyed To that
 4. In that hap - py Christ - mas spir - it, Hear the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 kneel in ho - ly - awe At that low - ly sta - ble
 sta - ble rude and bare, To pay hom - age to the
 an - gels from on high Sing their an - cient sal - u -

ba - by, In a man - ger for his bed. Ma - ry
 man - ger Where the in - fant laid on straw; So may
 in - fant, Of - f'ring gifts both rich and rare; So may
 ta - tions: Joy's a gift you can - not buy. So may

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus was her lit - tle child.
 we this hap - pay morn, Hon - or ev - 'ry child that's born.
 we our gifts be - stow, Whe - ther we be high or low.
 we, with hearts that sing, Share the truths this sea - son brings.

C. F. A.'s v. 2: Jesus, born on Christmas morning, / Blessed by God, the Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable / And his cradle was a stall.
 With the poor, oppress'd and lowly, / He will live his life so holy.