

Once in royal David's city

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

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Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849

arr. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

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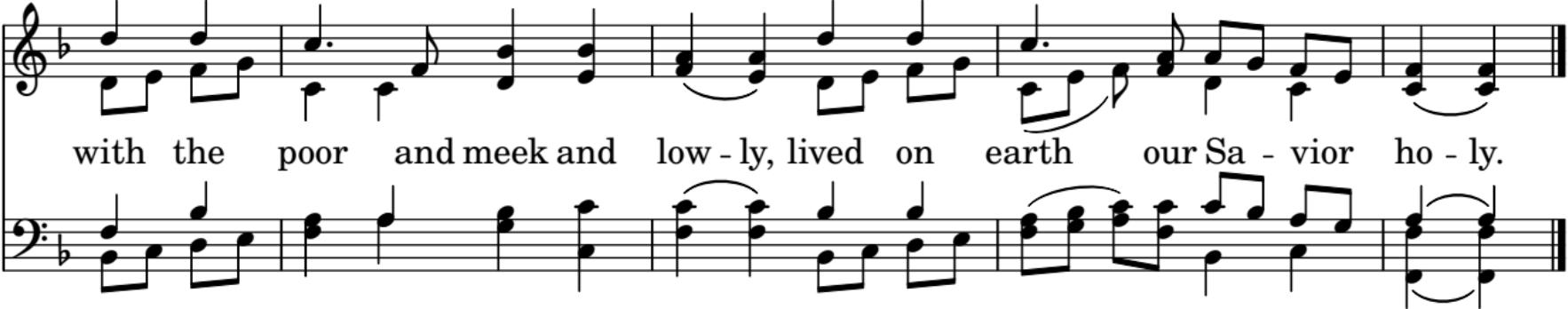
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Ma - ry was that moth-er mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.

2 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;



with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.

3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-deem-ing love;

for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;

and he leads his chil-dren on to the place where he is gone.

4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en stand-ing by,

we shall see him, but in heav - en set at God's right hand on high;

when like stars, his chil-dren crowned all in white, shall wait a - round.