

59. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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SOPRANO
ALTO



1. Once in roy - al Dav - id'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 through all his won - drous child - hood He would hon - our and o - bey,
4. For he is our child - hood's 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,

TENOR
BASS



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Where a mo - ther laid her ba - by In a man - ger for his bed:
And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall;
Love, and watch the low - ly maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay;
He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew;
For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heaven a - bove;

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Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.
Christ - ian chil - dren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
And he feel - eth for our sad - ness, And he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
And he leads his chil - dren on To the place where he is gone.

DESCANT 13

6. Not in that poor low - ly — sta - ble, With the ox - en stand - ing — by,

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We shall see him; but — in — hea - ven, Set — at — God's right hand on — high;

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When like stars his chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait — a - round.

1 - Toute nuit revit dans le silence
Le secret qui fit le premier jour.
Cette nuit nous chante la naissance
Où Dieu met au monde son amour.

La voici, la nuit de Dieu,
D'où le jour va naître comme un feu.

2 - Tout nuit pressent que la lumière
Jaillira de l'aube qu'elle attend
Cette nuit apprend que sa lumière
Donnera le jour à tout vivant.

3 - Toute nuit contient son poids d'angoisse
Quand le noir nous couvre de son toit
Cette nuit retient l'instant qui passe
Pour avoir le temps d'être à la joie.

4 - Toute nuit apporte à nos misères
Les bienfaits du calme reposant
Cette nuit tout nous vient d'une mère
Qui nous fait le don de son enfant.

5 - Toute nuit accepte l'impuissance
Pour que l'or scintille à son Levant
Cette nuit Dieu cache sa puissance
Au trésor qu'il livre en cet enfant.

6 - Toute nuit sait bien qu'on chante et danse
Quand s'en va la fête pour longtemps
Cette nuit la fête qui commence
Chantera jusqu'au-delà des temps.