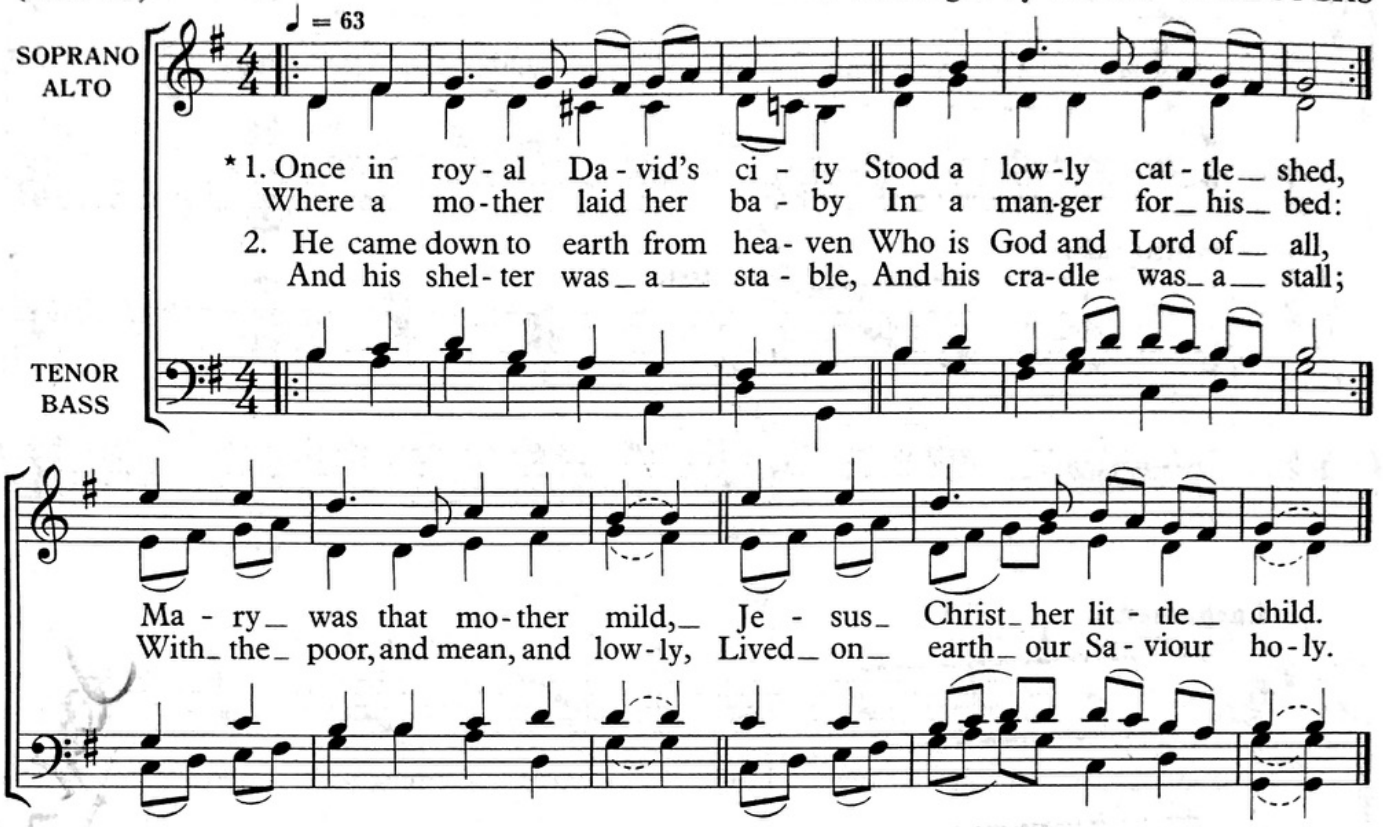
# 61. Once in royal David's city

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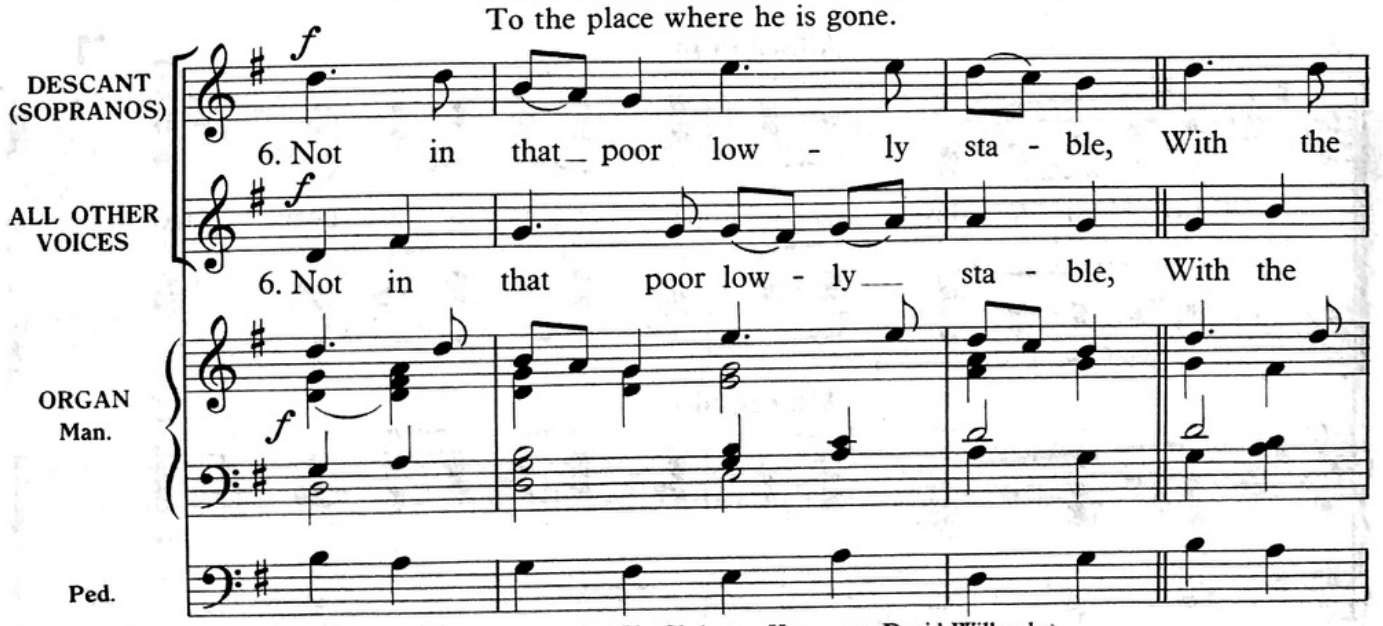
H. J. GAUNTLETT (1805–76)
Vv. 1–5 harmonized by A. H. MANN (1850–1929)
V. 6 arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS




3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.
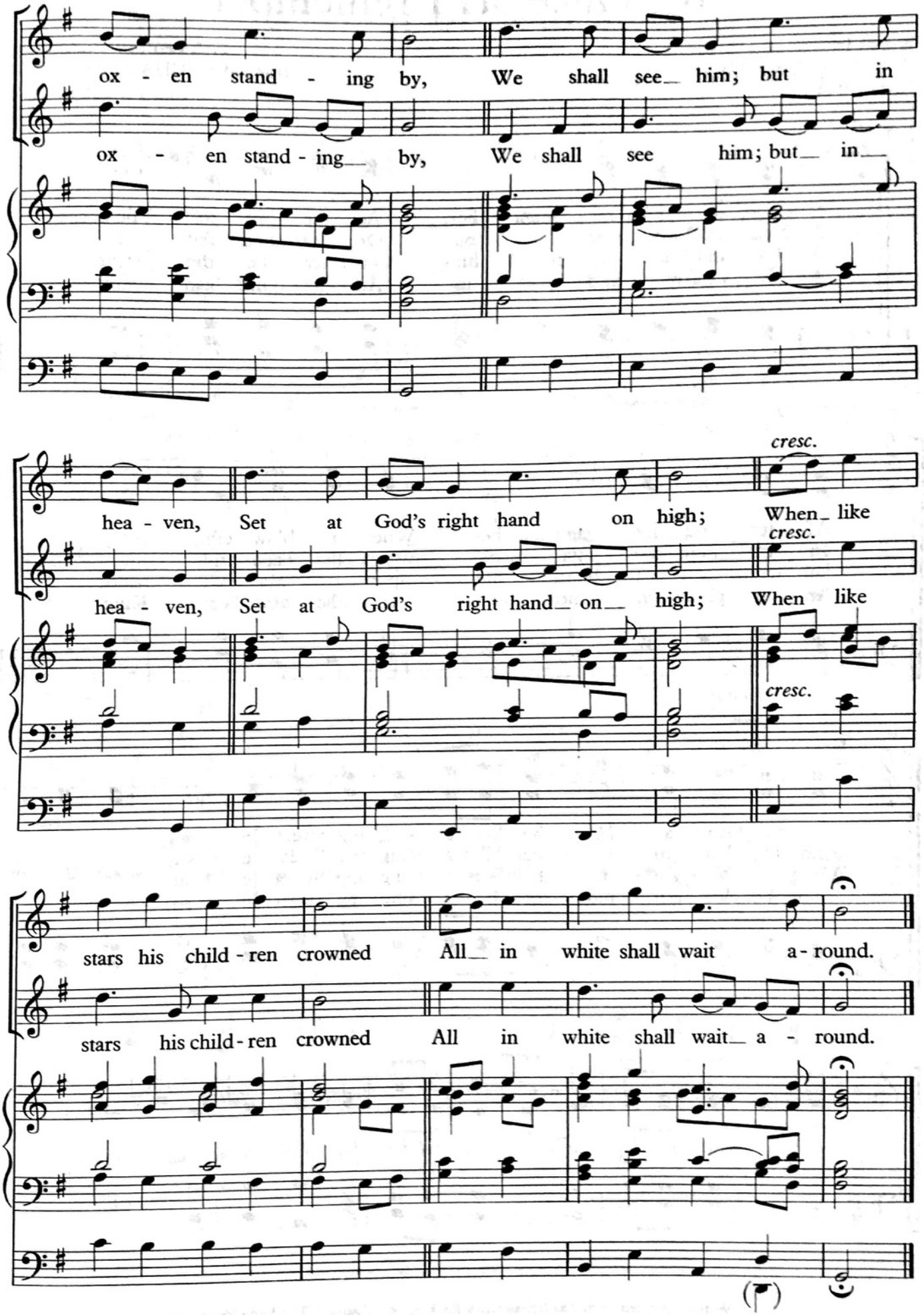
5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.




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* The first verse may be sung by a solo treble.

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ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in
ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in
hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like
cresc.
hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like
cresc.
cresc.
stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.
stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.