

Once in Royal David's City

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1: Once in roy - al Da - vid'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 - or and o - bey,

Where a moth - er 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:

Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior Ho - ly.
Chris - tian child - ren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, 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.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.