

Once in royal David's city

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from Heav - en, Who is God and
 3. And, thro' all His won - drous child - hood, He would hon - our
 4. For He is our child - hood's pat - tern; Day by day, like
 5. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Thro' His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her Ba - by
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly maid - en,
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle

in a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y was that
 And His cra - dle was a stall; With the poor, and
 In whose gen - tle arms He lay: Chris - tian chil - dren
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feel - eth
 is our Lord in Heav'n a - bove, And He leads His

moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.
 all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as He.
 for our sad - ness, And He shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 chil - dren 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.