

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,



Where a Mo - ther laid her Ba - by In a man - ger for His bed;



Ma - ry was that Mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her on - ly Child

2. He came down to earth from Heaven,

Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a Stall;
With the poor, and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

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,
Fears 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;
When like sars His children crowned,
All in white, shall wait around.