Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in Royal David's City stood a lowly cattle,
   shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
   mild, Jesus Christ her little 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;
   lowly lived on earth, our Savior holy.

3. Jesus 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;
   sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

4. 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;
   on to the place where he has gone.

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