

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in ro - yal Da - vid's_ ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle_

2 He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven who is God and Lord_ of_

3 Je - sus is our chil - dhood's pat - tern, day by day like us_ he_

4 And our eyes at last_ shall_ see him, through his own re - deem - ing_

shed, where a mo - ther laid_ her_ ba - by in a

all, and his shel - ter was_ a_ sta - ble, and his

grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and

love; for that child, so dear_ and_ gen - tle, is our

man - ger for_ his_ bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther

cra - dle was_ a_ stall: with the poor and meek and

smiles like us_ he_ knew: and he feels for all our

Lord in heaven a - bove: and he leads his chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.

low - ly lived on earth, our Sa - vior_ ho - ly.

sad - ness, and he shares in all_ our_ glad - ness.

on_ to the place where he_ has_ gone.

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