Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all.
3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming sacrifice.

shed, where a mother laid her babe by in a stable, and his love; he was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he felteth for our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children

manager for his bed; Mary, loving mother cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the mild Jesus Christ, her little child.

lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

sadness, and he shared in our gladness.

on to the place where he is gone.

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