

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y 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, lo - ving mo - ther
 cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the
 smiles like us he knew; and he feel - eth for 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 shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

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