Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in royal David's city stood a
2 He came down to earth from heaven who is
3 For he is our child—hood's pattern; day by day
4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his share;
5 Not in that poor lowly stable with the earth

lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her God and Lord of all; and his shelter was a
own redeeming love, for that child, so dear and oxen standing by we shall see him, but in

babies in a manger for his bed: Mary stable and his cradle was a stall: with the
helpless; tears and smiles like gentleness, is our Lord in heaven: above: and he
heaven, set at God's right hand on high: there his

was that mother mild, Jesus poor and meek and lowly lived on feels for all our sadness and he leads his children on to the children gathering round bright like

Christ, her little child.
earth our Savior holy.
shares in all our gladness.
place where he has gone.
stars, with glory crowned.

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