

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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