

Once in Royal David's City

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2. *He came down to earth from heav - en who is*
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood, he would
 4. *For he is our child-hood's pat - tern, day by*
 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6. *Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the*



low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 hon - or and o - bey, love and watch the low - ly
day like us he grew, he was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; for that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see him, but in



ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall: with the
 maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he lay: Chris - tian
help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew: and he
 gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he
heav - en, set at God's right hand on high; when like



was that moth - er mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor; and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 chil - dren all must be, — mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone.
stars his chil - dren crowned — all in white shall wait a - round.