

# Once in Royal David's City

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2. He came down to earth from heav-en, Who is God and Lord of all,  
3. For He is our childhood's pat-tern; Day by day, like us He grew;  
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Thro' His own re - deem - ing love,

Where a moth-er laid her Ba - by In a man-ger for His bed:  
And His shel-ter was a sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall;  
He was lit - tle, weak and help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
For that Child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,

Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.  
With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav-ior ho - ly.  
And He feel - eth for our sad - ness, And He shar - eth in our glad - ness.  
And He leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.