

Once in Royal David's City

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
4. Not with - in a sta - ble low - ly, With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a mother laid her Ba - by
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
own re - deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle
ox - en stand - ing by, But in heav - en we shall see Him,

In a man - ger for His bed: Ma - ry was
And His cra - dle was a stall; With the poor,
Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, And He leads
Set at God's right hand on high; With He chil -

that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
- drengath - ered 'round, His great praise shall e'er re - sound.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, corresponding to the four verses of the hymn.