

Once in Royal David's City

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
3. And through all his won - drous child-hood day by day like
4. And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re -
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en



1. cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by
2. Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
3. us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,
4. deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle
5. stand - ing by, we shall see him; but in heav - en,



1. in a man - ger for his bed; Mar - y was that
2. and his cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and
3. tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feels for
4. is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he leads his
5. set at God's right hand on high, where like stars his



1. moth - er mild; Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2. mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.
3. all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
4. chil - dren on _____ to the place where he is gone.
5. chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Inspiration: Luke 2: 7.

Lyrics: 87.87.77; Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895, in "Hymns for Little Children", 1848.

Music: IRBY; Henry John Gauntlett, 1805-1876, in 1850.