

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 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en stand - ing by,

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;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him, but in heav - en set at God's right hand on high;

Ma - ry was that moth - er mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
when like stars, his chil - dren crowned all in white, shall wait a - round.