

# 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 through all His won - drous child - hood He would  
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His

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  
own re - deem - ing love; For that Child so dear and

Ba - by In a man - ger for His bed; Ma - ry  
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
moth - er In whose gen - tle arms He lay. Chris - tian  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He



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.  
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.