

Once in royal David's city

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, where a
 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all, and his
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would ho - nour and o - bey, love and
 4. For he is our child-hood's pat - tern: day by day like us he grew; He was
 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love; for that
 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by, we shall

mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 watch the low - ly Mai - den in whose gen - tle arms he lay: Chris - tian
 lit - tle, weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew; And he
 child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he
 see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high. when like

was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Sa - vior holy.
 chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 feel - eth for our sadness, and he shar - eth in our gladness.
 leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Descant sopraan (D. Willcocks)

6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by, we shall see him; but in
 heav - en, set at God's right hand on high; When, like stars, his child-ren crowned, All in
 white shall wait a-round.