



Once In Royal David's City

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A⁷ D A⁷ D Bm

Once in ro - yal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
He came down to earth from hea - ven who is
Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

3 F[#]m G A⁷ D A⁷ D A⁷

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
day like us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; for that child, so dear and

6 D Bm F[#]m G A⁷

ba - by in a man - ger for his
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a
help - less, tears and smiles like us he
gen - tle, is our Lord in heaven a -

8 D G D Em A⁷ D G

bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus
stall: with the poor and meek and lowly lived on
knew: and he feels for all our sadness, and he
bove: and he leads his chil - dren on to the

11 D G A⁷ D

Christ her lit - tle child.
earth, our Sav - ior holy.
shares in all our gladness.
place where he has gone.