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H. J. GAUNTLETT, 1866-76.

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ONCE in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a Mother laid her Baby
 In a manger for his bed :
 Mary was that Mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little Child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven,
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall ;
 With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

8 And through all his wondrous child-
 He would honour and obey, [hood]
 Love, and watch the lowly Maiden,

Mrs. C. F. Alexander, 1822-95.

In whose gentle arms he lay ;
 Christian children all must be
 Mild, obedient, good as he.

4 For he is our childhood's pattern,
 Day by day like us he grew,
 He was little, weak, and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us he knew ;
 And he feebleth for our sadness,
 And he shareth in our gladness.

5 And our eyes at last shall see him,
 Through his own redeeming love,
 For that Child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heaven above ;
 And he leads his children on
 To the place where he is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
 With the oxen standing by,
 We shall see him ; but in heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high ;
 When like stars his children crowned
 All in white shall wait around.

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