



Once In David's Royal City

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Once in ro - yal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle
He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord of
Je - sus is our chil - dhood's pat - tern, day by day like us he
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing

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shed, where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a
all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and
love; for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our

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man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther
cra - dle was a stall: with the poor and meek and
smiles like us he knew: and he feels for all our
Lord in heaven a - bove: and he leads his chil - dren

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mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
lowly lived on earth, our Sa - vior holy -
sadness and he shares in all our gladness.
on to the place where he has gone.