


30. 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 mo-ther laid_ her_ ba - by In a man-ger for_ his_ bed:
2. He came down to earth from hea-ven Who is God and Lord of_ all,
And his shel-ter was_ a_ sta - ble, And his cra-dle was_ a_ stall;

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Ma - ry_ was that mo-ther mild, Je - sus_ Christ_ her lit - tle child_.
With the_ poor and mean and low-ly Lived on_ earth_ our Sa - viour ho - ly.



3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
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 feeleth 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.