

Once in Royal David's City

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1. Once in ro - yal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle_ shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord of_ all,
3. And our eyes at last_ shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing_ love;



where a mo - ther laid_ her_ ba - by in a man - ger for_ his_ bed:
and his shel - ter was_ a_ sta - ble, and his cra - dle was_ a_ stall:
for that child, so dear and_ gen - tle, is our Lord in heav' n a - bove:



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.
and he leads his chil - dren on_ to the place where he_ has_ gone. —

