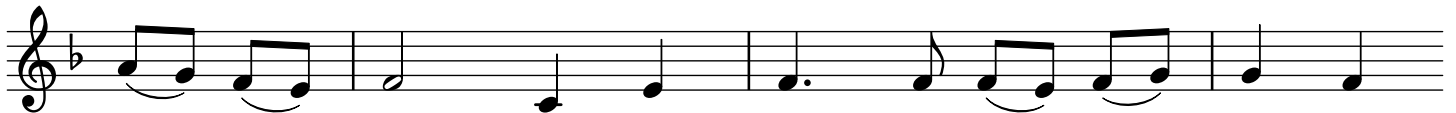


# Once in Royal David's City

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - our
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like
5. And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re -
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en



1. cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by
2. Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
3. and o - bey, love and watch the low - ly maid - en
4. us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,
5. deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle
6. stand - ing by, we shall see him; but in heav - en,



1. in a man - ger for his bed; Mar - y was that
2. and his cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and
3. in whose gen - tle arms he lay; Chris - tian chil - dren
4. tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feel - eth
5. is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he leads his
6. set at God's right hand on high, where like stars his



1. moth - er mild; Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2. mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.
3. all should be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
4. for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
5. chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
6. chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Inspiration: Luke 2: 7.

Lyrics: 87.87.77; Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895, in "Hymns for Little Children", 1848.

Music: IRBY; Henry John Gauntlett, 1805-1876, in 1850.