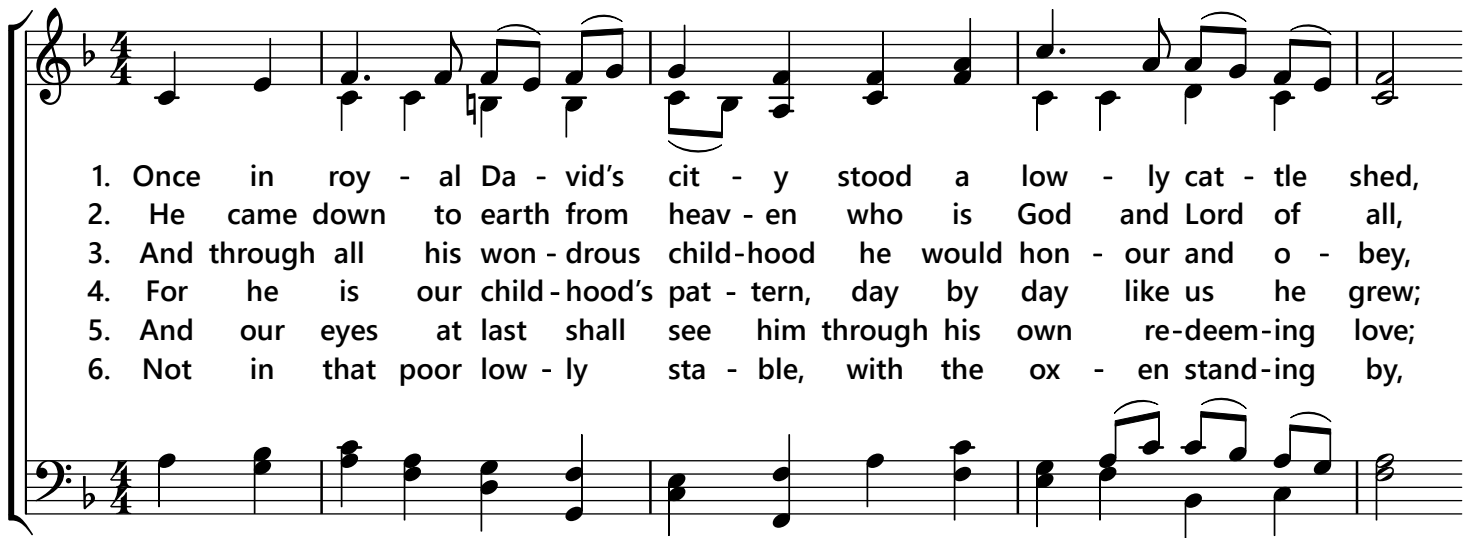
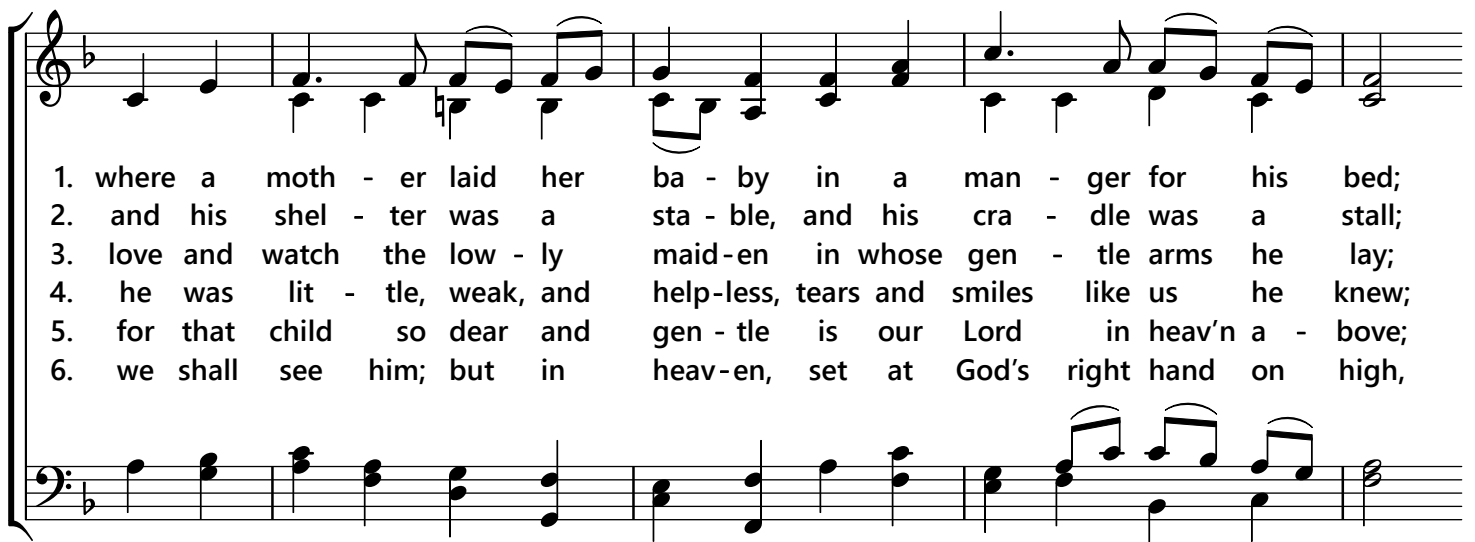


# Once in Royal David's City

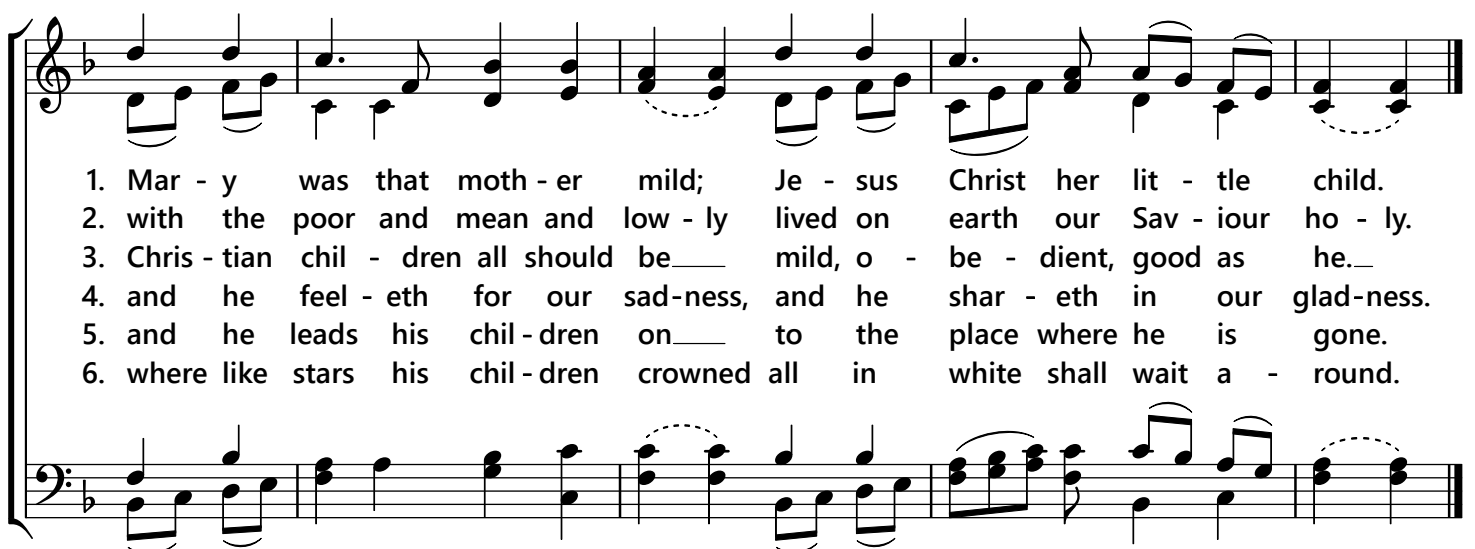
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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
3. And through all his won - drous child-hood he would hon - our and o - bey,  
4. For he is our child-hood's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



1. where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;  
2. and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
3. love and watch the low - ly maid-en in whose gen - tle arms he lay;  
4. he was lit - tle, weak, and help-less, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
5. for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
6. we shall see him; but in heav-en, set at God's right hand on high,



1. Mar - y was that moth - er mild; Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
2. with the poor and mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.  
3. Chris - tian chil - dren all should be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
4. and he feel - eth for our sad-ness, and he shar - eth in our glad-ness.  
5. and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
6. where like stars his 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; harmonized by Arthur Henry Mann, 1850-1929, for "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols", King's College, 1918.