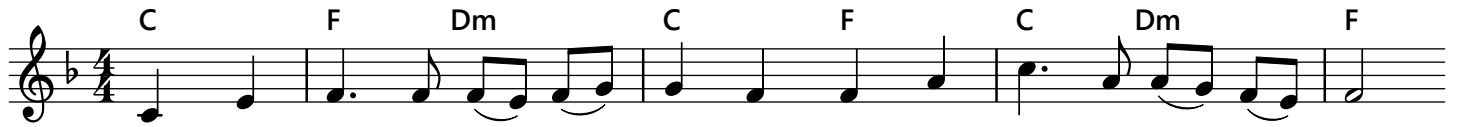


Once in Royal David's City

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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 day by day like us he grew;
4. And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re - deem-ing love;
5. 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. he was lit - tle, weak, and help-less, tears and smiles like us he knew;
4. for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
5. 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. and he feels for all our sad-ness, and he shares in all our glad-ness.
4. and he leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone.
5. 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.