

## Once in Royal David's City

1. *Soloist*

Once in royal David's city  
    Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
    In a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
    Jesus Christ her little child.

2. *Choir*

He came down to earth from heaven  
    Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
    And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
    Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. *Women and children*

And through all His wondrous childhood  
    He would honor 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. *Men*

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 feels for all our sadness  
    And he shares in all our gladness

5. *All*

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. *All*

Not in that poor lowly stable  
    With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him; but in heaven,  
    Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned,  
    All in white, His praise will sound!