

# Once in royal David's city

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verse 6 arr. Stephen Cleobury (b.1948)

SOPRANO  
ALTO

TENOR  
BASS

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2. He came down to earth from hea-ven Who is God and Lord of all,  
5. 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;  
9. 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.

v. 6 overleaf

3. And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour 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. 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 feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

5. 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. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

\* Verse 1 may be sung by a solo treble/soprano.

\*\* Verse 6 words provided here for congregational use only.

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DESCANT (SOPRANOS)

ALL OTHER VOICES

6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the  
ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in  
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hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like  
stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.  
All in white shall wait a - round.