

Once in royal David's city

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SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

1. Once in roy-al Da-vid's ci-ty Stood a low-ly cat-tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea-ven Who is God and Lord of all,

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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;

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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DESCANT (SOPRANOS) *f*

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ALL OTHER VOICES *f*

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