

Soprano
Alto

Once in Royal David's City

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♩=78

1) Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a low - ly cat - tle_ shed,
Where a mo - ther laid her_ Ba - by In a man - ger for_ His bed:

Ma - ry was that mo-ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ Child.____

2) He came down to earth from hea - ven, Who is God and Lord of_ all,
And His shel - ter was a_ sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a_ stall;

With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Sa - viour ho-ly.____

3) And through all His won-drous chil-dhood He would ho - nour and o - bey,
Love and watch the low - ly_ mai - den, In whose gen - tle arms He_ lay:

Chris-tian chil - dren all must be Mild, o - bed - ient, good as_ He.____

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4) For he is our chil - dhood's pat - tern; Day by day, like us_ He_ grew;
He was lit - tle, weak and_ help - less, Tears and smiles like us_ He_ knew;

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And He feel - eth for our sad-ness, And He shar - eth in_ our glad-ness.____

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5) And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re-deem - ing_ love;
For that Child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,

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And He leads His chil-dren on To the place where He_ is_ gone.____

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6) Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en stan - ding by,
We shall see_Him; but in hea - ven Set at God's right hand on high;

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When like stars His chil-drenrowned All_ in white shall wait a round.