

# Once In Royal David's City

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Once in ro - yal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
He came down to earth from hea - ven who is  
Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by  
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

3 F#m G A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup>

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
day like us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and  
own re - deem - ing love; for that child, so dear and

6 D Bm F#m G A<sup>7</sup>

ba - by in a man - ger for his  
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a  
help - less, tears and smiles like us he  
gen - tle, is our Lord in heaven a -

8 D G D Em A<sup>7</sup> D G

bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus  
stall: with the poor and meek and lowly lived on  
knew: and he feels for all our sadness, and he  
bove: and he leads his chil - dren on to the

11 D G A<sup>7</sup> D

Christ her lit - tle child.  
earth, our Sav - ior holy.  
shares in all our gladness.  
place where he has gone.