

### 31. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

(unaccompanied version)

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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:  
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;

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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.

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.

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6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble,

With the ox - en stand - ing by,

We shall see him; but in hea - ven,

Set at God's right hand on high;

Where like stars his child - ren crowned

All in white shall wait a - round.

## 31a. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

(congregational version)

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Musical notation for the first verse, including piano accompaniment and vocal line.

*(with 8ves ad lib.)*

Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle\_ child.

Musical notation for the second verse, including piano accompaniment and vocal line.

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| <p>2. He came down to earth from heaven,<br/>Who is God and Lord of all,<br/>And his shelter was a stable,<br/>And his cradle was a stall;<br/>With the poor, and mean, and lowly<br/>Lived on earth our Saviour holy.</p> <p>3. And through all his wondrous childhood<br/>He would honour and obey,<br/>Love, and watch the lowly maiden,<br/>In whose gentle arms he lay;<br/>Christian children all must be<br/>Mild, obedient, good as he.</p> | <p>4. For he is our childhood's pattern,<br/>Day by day like us he grew,<br/>He was little, weak, and helpless,<br/>Tears and smiles like us he knew;<br/>And he feeleth for our sadness,<br/>And he shareth in our gladness.</p> <p>5. And our eyes at last shall see him,<br/>Through his own redeeming love,<br/>For that child so dear and gentle<br/>Is our Lord in heaven above;<br/>And he leads his children on<br/>To the place where he is gone.</p> |
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