

## **Once in Royal David's City**



### **Verse 1**

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

### **Verse 2**

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all;  
and his shelter was a stable  
and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor and meek and lowly  
lived on earth our saviour holy.

### **Verse 3**

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 feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

#### **Verse 4**

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 has gone.

#### **Verse 5**

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:  
There his children gather round  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

