

# 30. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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SOPRANO  
ALTO

*mf* 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\_ bec  
*P* 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\_\_ stal

TENOR  
BASS

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

*P* 3. And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay:  
*f* 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.

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  
Where like stars his children crow  
All in white shall wait around.