

# 31. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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SOPRANO  
ALTO

\*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;

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.

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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