Once in Royal David's City

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D7 G
             D
Once in royal David's ci-ty
      Em G/B C
Stood a lowly cat – tle shed,
      D7 G
            A7
Where a mother laid her ba-by
                 D
In a manger for His bed.
             Dsus4
Mary was that mo - ther mild,
Jesus Christ, her lit – tle child.
    D7 G
For He is our childhood's patt-ern;
    Em G/B
                C
                    D
Day by day like us He grew;
         A7
                  D7 G
He was little, weak and help-less;
Tears and smiles like us He knew:
              Dsus4 D
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.
    D7 G
Not in that poor lowly sta-ble,
     Em G/B
With the oxen stan-ding by,
                 A7
                   D7 G
We shall see Him, but in hea - ven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
                 Dsus4 D
When like stars his child ren crowned,
All in white shall gather round.
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G D7
        G
                  D
He came down to earth from hea-ven,
     Em G/B
                C
                    D G
Who is God and Lord of all;
               A7
And His shelter was a sta-ble
               C
                    D
And His cradle was a stall.
                 Dsus4
With the poor and meek and lowly
                 C
                      D
Lived on earth our Sav-iour holy.
    D7
And through all His wondrous child-hood
         G/B
He would honour and ob - ey,
                   A7
Love and watch the lowly mot - her
                     D G
In whose gentle arms He lay.
               Dsus4
Christian children
                      all
                          should be
Mild, o - bedient, good as He.
    D7
And our eyes at last shall see Him
         Em G/B
Through His own re-deem-ing love;
       G A7
For that child, so dear and gen-tle,
              C
                  D
Is our Lord in hea-ven a-bove;
C G
                 Dsus4
And He leads His child - ren on
To the place where He has gone.
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