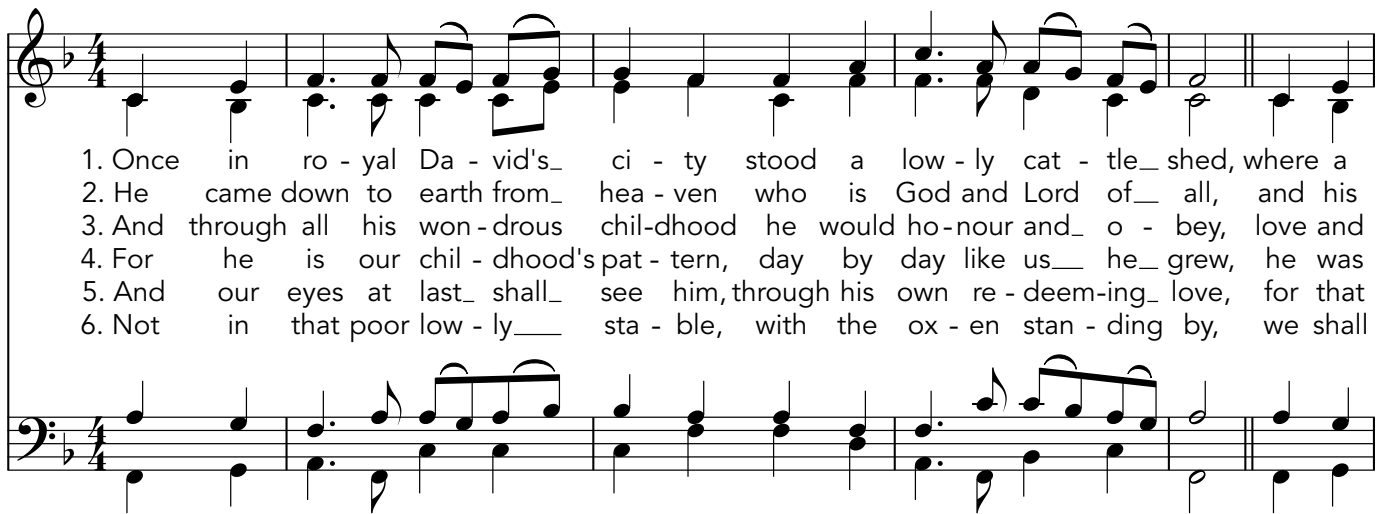


# Once in Royal David's City

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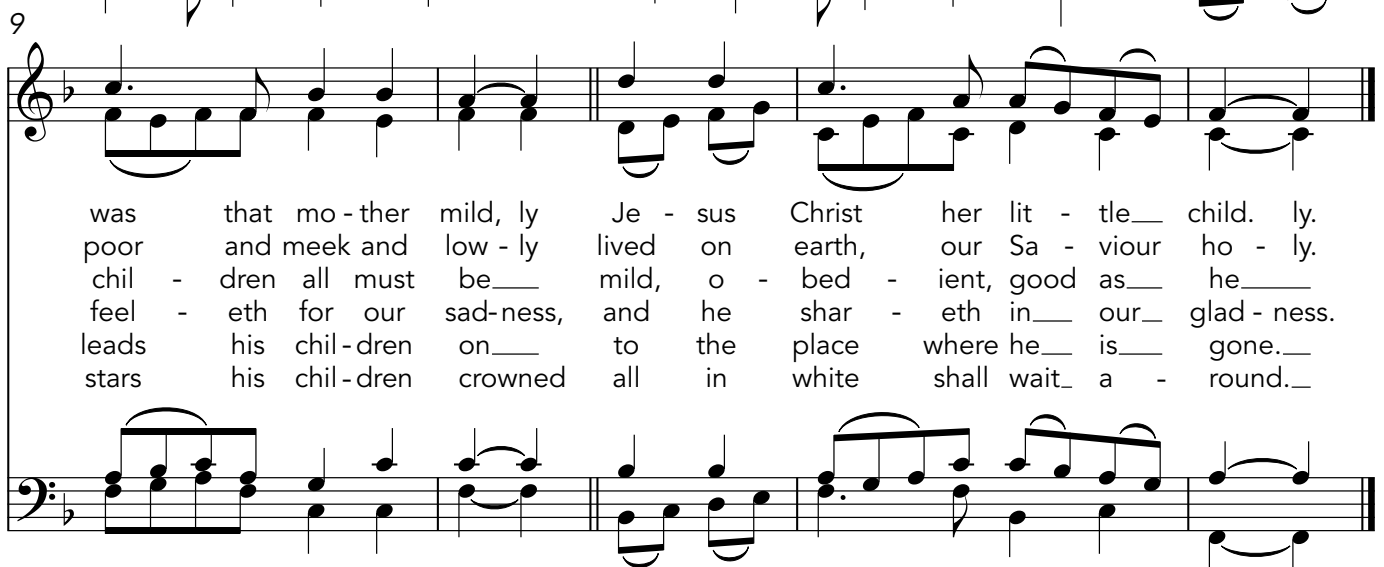
1. Once in ro - yal Da - vid's\_ ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle\_ shed, where a  
2. He came down to earth from\_ hea - ven who is God and Lord of\_ all, and his  
3. And through all his won - drous chil - hood he would ho - nour and\_ o - bey, love and  
4. For he is our chil - dhood's pat - tern, day by day like us\_ he\_ grew, he was  
5. And our eyes at last\_ shall\_ see him, through his own re - deem - ing\_ love, for that  
6. Not in that poor low - ly\_ sta - ble, with the ox - en stan - ding by, we shall

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mo - ther laid\_ her\_ ba - by in a man - ger for\_ his\_ bed: Ma - ry  
shel - ter was\_ a\_ sta - ble, and his cra - dle was\_ a\_ stall: with the  
watch the low - ly\_ mai - den, in whose gen - tle arms he\_ lay: Chris - tian  
lit - tle, weak, and\_ help - less, tears and smiles like us\_ he\_ knew; and he  
child so dear and\_ gen - tle is our Lord in heav - en a - bove; and he  
see him; but\_ in\_ hea - ven, set at God's right hand on\_ high; where like

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was that mo - ther mild, ly Je - sus Christ her lit - tle\_ child. ly.  
poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth, our Sa - viour ho - ly.  
chil - dren all must be\_ mild, o - bed - ient, good as\_ he\_  
feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in\_ our\_ glad - ness.  
leads his chil - dren on\_ to the place where he\_ is\_ gone\_  
stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait\_ a - round\_