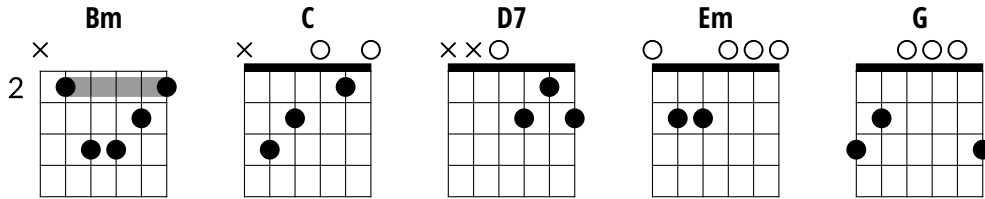


Once in Royal David's City

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Verse 1

G D7 G
Once in Royal David's city,
Em Bm D7 G
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
G D7 G
Where a mother laid her baby
Em Bm D7 G
In a manger for His bed:
C G D7 G
Mary was that mother mild,
C G D7 G
Jesus Christ her little child.

Verse 2

G D7 G
He came down to earth from heaven,
Em Bm D7 G
Who is God and Lord of all,
G D7 G
And His shelter was a stable,
Em Bm D7 G
And His cradle was a stall;
C G D7 G
With the poor and meek and lowly,
C G D7 G
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Verse 3

G D7 G
And through all His wondrous childhood,
Em Bm D7 G
He would honour and obey,
G D7 G
Love and watch the lowly mother,
Em Bm D7 G
In whose gentle arms He lay.
C G D7 G
Christian children all should be,
C G D7 G
Mild, obedient, good as He.

Verse 4

G D7 G
For He is our childhood's pattern,
Em Bm D7 G
Day by day like us He grew,
G D7 G
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Em Bm D7 G
Tears and smiles like us He knew,
C G D7 G
And He feeleth for our sadness,
C G D7 G
And He shareth in our gladness.

Verse 5

G D7 G
And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Em Bm D7 G
Through His own redeeming love;
G D7 G
For that child so dear and gentle,
Em Bm D7 G
Is our Lord in heaven above,
C G D7 G
And He leads His children on,
C G D7 G
To the place where He is gone.

Verse 6

G D7 G
Not in that poor lowly stable,
Em Bm D7 G
With the oxen standing by,
G D7 G
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Em Bm D7 G
Set at God's right hand on high;
C G D7 G
When like stars His children crowned,
C G D7 G
All in white shall be around.