

Once in Royal David's City

Metre: 4/4

Key: F major (+5)

G7 C F G7 C

Once in royal David's ci - ty,

C Am G7 C

stood a lowly cattle shed

G7 C F C

Where a mother laid her Baby,

C Am G7 C

in a manger for His bed

F C Dm7 C

Mary was that mother mild,

F C G7 C

Jesus Christ, her little Child.

G7 C F G7 C

He came down to earth from hea - ven,

C Am G7 C

who is God and Lord of all

G7 C F C

And His shelter was a stable,

C Am G7 C

and His cradle was a stall

F C Dm7 C

With the poor, and mean, and lowly,

F C G7 C

lived on earth our Saviour holy.

G7 **C** **F** **G7** **C**
 And, through all His wondrous child - hood,
C **Am** **G7** **C**
 he would honour and o - bey
G7 **C** **F** **C**
 Love and watch the lowly maiden,
C **Am** **G7** **C**
 in whose gentle arms He lay
F **C** **Dm7** **C**
 Christian children all must be,
F **C** **G7** **C**
 mild, o - bedient, good as He.

G7 **C** **F** **G7** **C**
 For He is our childhood's pat - tern;
C **Am** **G7** **C**
 day by day, like us, He grew
G7 **C** **F** **C**
 He was little, weak, and helpless,
C **Am** **G7** **C**
 tears and smiles, like us He knew
F **C** **Dm7** **C**
 And He cares when we are sad,
F **C** **G7** **C**
 and he shares when we are glad.

G7 **C** **F** **G7** **C**
 And our eyes at last shall see Him,
C **Am** **G7** **C**
 through His own re - deeming love
G7 **C** **F** **C**
 For that Child so dear and gentle,
C **Am** **G7** **C**
 is our Lord in heaven a - bove
F **C** **Dm7** **C**
 And He leads His children on,
F **C** **G7** **C**
 to the place where He is gone.