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Once in royal David's city

Capo 3: D A⁷ D (Dsus) D Bm D G A D

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all;
 3 And he is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like us he grew;

A⁷ D E⁷ A D Bm D G A D

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less; tears and smiles like us he knew:

G D Em⁷ A⁷ D G D G A D

Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 with the poor and mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.
 and he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.

4 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 has gone.

5 Not in that poor lowly stable,
 with the oxen standing by,
 we shall see him, but in heaven,
 set at God's right hand on high:
 there his children gather round,
 bright like stars, with glory crowned.