

Once in Royal David's City

SAB

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The musical score is written for SAB voices and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The piano part features a consistent eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a simple harmonic line in the left hand. The vocal parts enter at measure 4. The lyrics are: "Once in royal David's city / Stood a lowly cattle shed, / Where a mother laid her baby / in a manger for his bed: / Mary was that mother mild,". Measure numbers 4, 8, and 12 are indicated above the vocal staves.

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Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y

8

Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by

12

in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er mild,

Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.

He came down to earth from heav - en, who is God and Lord of all,

And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall;

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With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

And our eyes at last shall see him,

through his own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and gen - tle

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is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on

8va

44

To the place where he is gone. And he leads his chil - dren on

48

To the place where he *rit.* is gone.

rit.