

Once in Royal David's City

revised lyrics, Tandava

(solo) 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,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down
to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

He taught us to live in freedom,
Through Him shone the perfect Light
Blessing all who would receive Him,
Bringing dawn to our dark night.
He lived here that all might see
How we, too, ourselves shall be.

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 is gone.

Not in that poor lovely stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
Their true home in Him have found.

(changed from original: 3rd verse and last line)