

# Once In Royal David's City

## Mary Chapin Carpenter

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 Saviour holy  
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  
Lord in that poor lowly stable with the oxen  
standing by  
We shall see Him but in heaven, said hath God's right hand on high  
When like stars His children crowned, all in white shall wait around  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone

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