**Once In Royal David's City**

C112 C

**Words: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, *Hymns for Little Children*, 1848.**

**Music: "Irby," Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876), 1849**

 **C Em C**

1. Once in royal David's city, Stood a lowly cattle shed,

 **C Em C**

Where a mother laid her Baby, In a manger for His bed:

**F C G C F C F G C**

Mary was that mo-ther mild, Jesus Christ her lit- tle Child.

 **C Em C**

2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,

 **C Em C**

And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;

**F C G C F C F G C**

With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

 **C Em C**

3. And through all His wondrous childhood, He would honor and obey,

 **C Em C**

Love and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms He lay:

**F C G C F C F G C**

Christian children all must be, Mild, o-bedient, good as He.

 **C Em C**

4. For he is our childhood's pattern; Day by day, like us He grew;

 **C Em C**

He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;

**F C G C F C F G C**

And He feeleth for our sad-ness, And He shareth in our gladness.

 **C Em C**

5. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;

 **C Em C**

For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heaven a-bove,

**F C G C F C F G C**

And He leads His child-ren on, To the place where He is gone.

 **C Em C**

6. Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,

 **C Em C**

We shall see Him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;

**F C G C F C F G C**

Where like stars His child-ren crown-ed, All in white shall wait a-

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