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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. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us___ he___ grew;
4. And our eyes at last___ shall_ see him, through his own re - deem - ing___ love;
5. Not in that poor low - ly___ sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing___ by,

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.
 for that Child who seemed so___ help - less is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but___ in___ heav - en, set at God's right hand_ on___ high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle___ child.
 with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior___ ho - ly.
 and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in___ our_ glad - ness.
 and he leads his chil - dren on___ to the place where he___ is___ gone___
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned, all in white shall wait_ a - round___