
MEMORIZE A POEM A MONTH

Once in Royal David's City

Look at the pictures before reading the poem.



Cattle shed or stable



Manger or stall

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 through all His wondrous childhood,
 He would honor and obey,
 Love and watch the lowly Maiden,
 In whose gentle arms He lay;
 Christian children all must be
 Mild, obedient, good as He.

Cecil Frances Alexander