

# Once in Bethlehem of Judah

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1. Once in Beth - le - hem of Ju - dah, Far a - way a - cross the sea,  
 2. It was not a state - ly pal - ace Where that lit - tle ba - by lay,  
 3. But the ox - en stood a - round Him, In a sta - ble low and dim;  
 4. For He left His Fa - ther's glo - ry, And the gold - en halls a - bove,  
 5. Of His in - fin - ite com - pas - sion, He can feel our want and woe;  
 6. Still His child - hood's bright ex - am - ple Gives a light to our poor homes;  
 7. Still He stands and pleads in Hea - ven, For us, weak and sin - de - filed;

*Refrain*

There was laid a lit - tle ba - by On a vir - gin mo - ther's knee.  
 With His ser - vants to at - tend Him, And with guards to keep the way.  
 In the world He had cre - at - ed There was not a room for Him. O Sav - ior, gen - tle  
 And He took our hu - man na - ture, In the great - ness of His love.  
 For He suf - fered, He was tempt - ed, When He lived our life be - low.  
 From the blood of His a - ton - ing Still our hope of par - don comes.  
 God, who is a man for ev - er, Je - sus, who was once a child.

Sav - ior, Hear Thy lov - ing child - ren sing, The God of our sal - va - tion, The child that is a king.