

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, There was laid a lit - tle Ba - by
2. It was not a state - ly pal-ace Where that lit - tle Ba - by lay, With His ser-vants to at-tend Him,

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p *cresc.*
On a Vir - gin Moth - er's knee. O Sav - iour, gen - tle Sa - viour, Hear Thy lov - ing
And with guards to keep the way. *p*

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chil - dren sing, The God of our sal - va - tion, The Child that is our King.

3. But the oxen stood around Him,
In a stable low and dim;
In the world He had created
There was not a room for Him. — REF.

4. For He left His Father's glory,
And the golden halls above,
And He took our human nature,
In the greatness of His love. — REF.

5. Of His infinite compassion
He can feel our want and woe;
For He suffered, He was tempted,
When He lived our life below. — REF.

6. Still He stands and pleads in heaven,
For us weak and sin-defiled;
God, who is a man for ever,
Jesus, who was once a child. — REF.

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