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Thy King cometh unto thee ... lowly, and riding upon an ass – Zechariah 9:9

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and Lord of
3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like us He
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him Thro' His own re - deem - ing

shed, Where a moth - er laid her Ba - by In a man - ger for His
all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a
grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, Tears and smiles like us He
love; For that Child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a -

bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle
stall: With the poor, and mean, and low - ly Lived on earth, our Sav - iour
knew: And He feel - eth for our sad - ness, And He shar - eth in our
bove, And He leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is

Child.
ho - ly.
glad - ness.
gone.

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