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1 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.

2 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 needy, poor and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.



Soprano



Alto



Tenor



Bass

V1

Unison

V2-3

Parts

V4

Sop Descant

Alto, Ten, Bass

Unison

DESCANT
(SOPRANOS)

Musical score for a descant, featuring five systems of two staves each. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The first system starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking 'J'. The second system continues the melody. The third system includes a 'CRES.' marking. The fourth and fifth systems complete the descant with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Last verse
Sop Descant
Alt, Ten, Bass Unison

- 4 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)