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ARE YOU IN BED?

If you are, you would be under the covers or a blanket, or at least there to rest or sleep. Lying on the bed happens when your body is just resting on the bed, whether or not to rest, but you would not be under the covers. The past tense for "lie" would be "lay" as we are talking about "lying in bed".

Poor English: He lie on bed.

Standard English:

- 1) He is lying on the bed.
- 2) He lay on the bed.

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