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# When Joseph Went To Bethlehem

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1. When Jo - seph went to Beth - le - hem, I think he took great care. To  
2. I think there at the bus - y inn that he was meek and mild. And

5 place his tools and close his shop and leave no shav - ings there. He  
5 awed to be the guard - i - an of Mar - y's sa - cred child. Per -

9 urged the don - key for - ward then, with Mar - y on its back, And  
9 haps all through the chill - y hours he smoothed the swad - dling bands, And

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car - ried bread and goat cheese in a lit - le lin - en sack.  
 Je - sus felt the qui - et strength of Jo - seph's gen - tle hands.

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3.And close be - side the man - ger bed, he dimmed the lan - tern light And

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*8va* *8va* *8vb*

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held the lit - tle Je - sus close up - on that ho - ly night.

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*8va* *8vb*