

When Joseph Went to Bethlehem

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1. When Jo - seph went to Beth - le - hem, I think he took great
2. I think that at the bus - y inn that he was meed and

care mild To And place his tools and the close his shop and
guard - i - an of

leave no shav - ings there. He urged the don - key
Mar - y's sa - cred child. Per - haps all through the

for - ward then, with Mar - y on its back, And
chill - y hours he smoothed the swad - dling bands, And

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

3. And close be - side the man - ger bed, he

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dimmed the lan - tern's light And held the lit - tle

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Je - sus close up - on that ho - ly night.