

When Joseph Went to Bethlehem

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Simplified

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

Chord symbols: F, C, F, C7, F

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

Chord symbols: C7, F, Em, A7

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

Chord symbols: Dm, G7, C7, F

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

Chord symbols: Dm, A7, F, C7

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car - ried bread and goat cheese in a lit - tle 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's light And
softer

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