

When Joseph Went to Bethlehem

Thoughtfully ♩ = 104-116

F C F C7 F

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

C7 F Em A7

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

Dm G7 C7 F A7

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

Dm A7 F C7

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

F Em A7 Dm C7 F

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.

F B \flat F C 7 F Dm Gm C 7

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

F Em A 7 Dm C 7 F

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

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Luke 2:1–7