

When Joseph Went to Bethlehem

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Thoughtfully

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

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close his shop and leave no shav - ings there. He urged the don - key for - ward, then, with
guard - i - an of Ma - ry's sa - cred child. Per - haps all through the chil - ly hours he

'Ma - ry on its back, And car - ried bread and goat cheese in a lit - tle lin - en
smoothed the swad - dling bands, And Je - sus felt the qui - et strength of Jo - seph's gen - tle

Slowly - reverently

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sack.
hands. 3 And close be - side the man - ger bed he dimmed the lan - tern's

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

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