

# Joseph's Song

For S.A.B. with piano

Joseph's role in the nativity story is often under-appreciated. What might he have been thinking as the birth of Jesus drew near? With a plaintive melody and lush harmonies this song offers a different perspective of the advent of our Savior. Even the steady plodding of Mary's donkey on the road to Bethlehem can be heard in the accompaniment.

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Thoughtfully  $\text{♩} = 76$

Sop. & Alto *mp*

Men *mp*

*mp*

Mar - y are you tired? Are you cold?  
Can you see the town there be - low?

5

5

*mp*

We've been trav - ling now such a long — time. Eve - ning will soon be  
Can you see the lights through the win - dows there? Beth - le - hem now is

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*mp*

here.  
near.

Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ how we've been blessed that

*mp*

12

*mf* *f*

you would bear God's on - ly son! But, Ma - ry, are we

*mf* *f*

15

*mp*

a - ble? And are we wor - thy?

*mp*

18 *mp*

Is - ra - el has wait - ed so long, wait - ing for the Lord to de -  
Will the - peo - ple o - pen their hearts? Will they know this child is Em -

*mp*

18 *mp*

21

liv - er them. Year af - ter year they pray.  
man - u - el? Or will they turn a

1

21

25

way? This child \_\_\_\_\_ will save His peo - ple, this

2

*mf*

25

29

*mf* This child will bless the nations and  
*mf* Ho - ly child with - in. *f*

29

33

take a-way their sin.

33

*mp*

37

*mp*  
 Mar - y are you tired? Are you cold?  
 Can you see the town there be - low? We've been trav - ling now such a  
 Can you see the lights through the

37

*mp*

40

long \_\_\_ time. Eve-ning will soon be here.  
win-dows there? Beth - le - hem now is near.

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44

*p* *rit.* *a tempo*

Beth - le-hem now is near.

*p* *rit.* *a tempo*

44

*p* *rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

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