

# Joseph's Song

SATB 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  $\text{♩} = 76$

Musical score for the first system of "Joseph's Song". It features three staves: Soprano & Alto, Tenor & Bass, and Piano. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked "Thoughtfully" with a quarter note equal to 76 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: "Mar - y are you tired? Are you cold? Can you see the town there be - low?"

Musical score for the second system of "Joseph's Song". It features three staves: Soprano & Alto, Tenor & Bass, and Piano. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The dynamics are marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: "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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Joseph's Song - SATB

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8 *mp*  
here. near. Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ how we've been blessed that  
*mp*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in G major with a key signature of one flat (F major). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The melody starts on a half note G4, then moves to quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, ending with a quarter rest. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line, also starting with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The accompaniment consists of eighth notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, B31, C32, 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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 -

18 *mp*

21

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

21

25

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

25 *mf*

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29 *mf* *f*

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

33

take a-way their sin.

33 *mp*

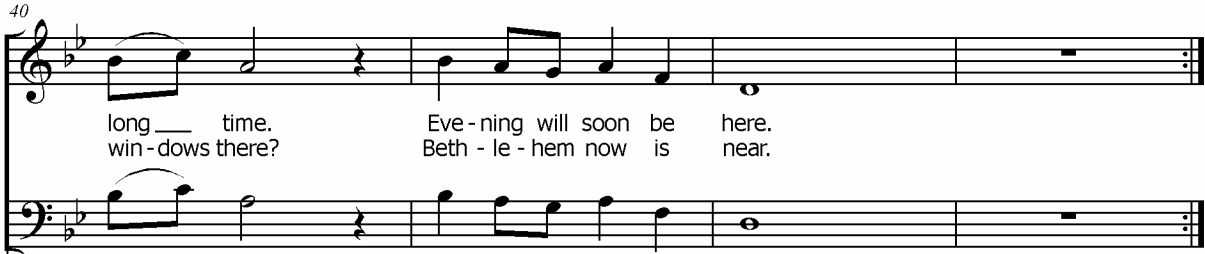
37 *mp*

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

37 *mp*

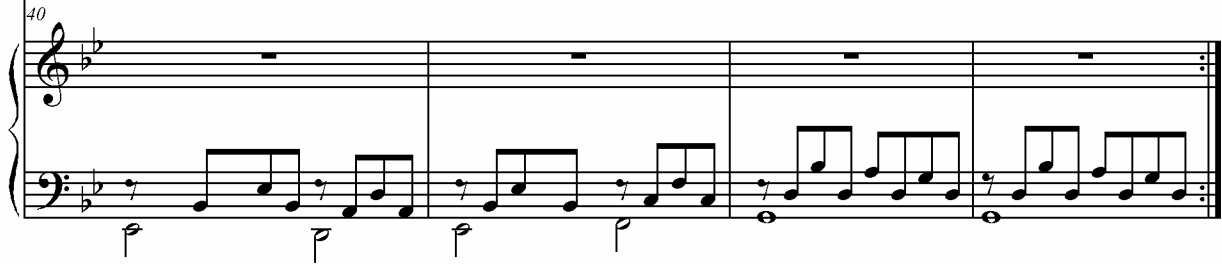
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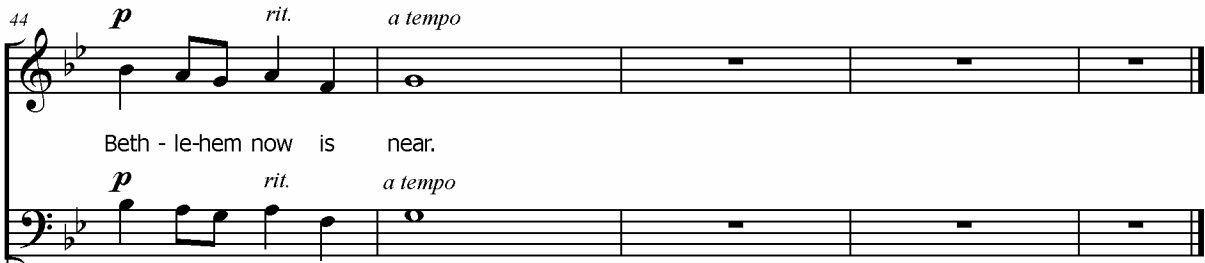
long time. Eve-ning will soon be here.  
win-dows there? Beth - le - hem now is near.

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*p* *rit.* *a tempo*

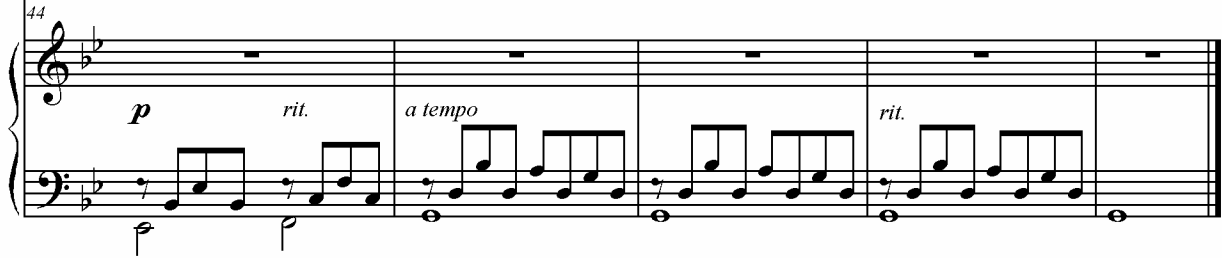


Beth - le-hem now is near.

*p* *rit.* *a tempo*

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



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