

Guard Him, Joseph

(Solo, T/B duet or two-part men)

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Sections of accompaniment and obbligato
adapted from "Canon in D" (Pachelbel)

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system includes an Obbligato part (marked *mp*, tempo *.60*) and a Piano accompaniment (marked *mp*). The second system features a Voice part with lyrics: "Guard Him, Jo - seph, as He _ slum - bers, There be - hind the sta - ble doors, Let no er - rant". The third system continues the voice part with lyrics: "sound dis - tress Him, Tread thou _ soft - ly on the floor, Lin - ger watch - ful round the _ man - ger," and concludes with "Hush thy _ voice and still the _ beasts, For thou hast with - in _ thy keep - ing Christ the _ in - fant". The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*mp*, *mf*), articulation (accents), and phrasing slurs. The time signature is 4/4, and the key signature is B-flat major. Measure numbers 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 are indicated.

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20 *mf* 22 24

Obbligato

Prince of Peace.

26 28

Voice

mp

Guard Him, Jo - seph, through the dark - ness, watch - ing o'er Him 'til the dawn, Bid the shep - herds

mp

30 32 34

mf

en - ter meek - ly, Stand in won - der, gaze in awe. Trim thy lamp and shield thy can - dle,

mf

36 38

See they burn all through the night, For thou hast with - in thy keep - ing Christ the ev - er -

40 *mf* 42 44

Obbligato

Voice

last - ing light.

46 *mp* 48

mf

Guard Him, Jo - seph, from all dan - ger, Keep thy vi - gil

50 52

(Ooh,)

nigh His bed, Let no harm nor grief be - fall Him, Stand thou in a fa - ther's stead.

54 *p* *p* *p* *p* 56

When His mo - ther's arms be__ wea - ry, Hold Him__gen - tly as thine__ own,

58 60 62

For thou hast with - in__ thy keep - ing, God's own__ well - be - lov - ed Son, God's own__ well be -

mp *mp*

64 *mp* 66 *rit.*

lov - ed Son.

rit.