

Guard Him, Joseph

Duet

Sally DeFord

$\text{♩} = 70$

mf

1. Guard Him, Jo - seph, as He slum - bers, there be - hind the sta - ble doors,

Soprano or alto:

mp

6 8

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mp

10 12

Let no er - rant sound dis - tress Him, Tread thou soft - ly on the floor,

mf

14 16 *rit.*

Lin - ger watch - ful round the man - ger, Hush thy voice and still the beasts,

mf *rit.* *ten.*



a tempo mp

mf

18 20

For thou hast with - in thy keep - ing Christ, the in - fant - Prince of - Peace.

22 24 26

Tenor or Baritone: *mp*

2. Guard Him, Jo - seph, through the dark - ness,

28 30

Watch - ing o'er Him till the dawn, Bid the shep - herds en - ter meek - ly; stand in won - der;

32 34 36

mf *rit.*

gaze in awe. Trim thy lamp and shield thy can - dle, See they burn all through the night,

a tempo mp

38 40

For thou hast with - in thy keep - ing Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Light.

mp a tempo mf f

42 44

mp

Soprano or Alto:

46 48 50

mf 3. Guard Him, Jo - seph, from all dan - ger, Keep thy vi - gil nigh His bed, Let no harm nor

Tenor or Baritone:

mf

52 54

grief be - fall Him, Stand thou in a fa - ther's stead, When His mo - ther's arms be wea - ry;

56 *rit.* *ten.* *a tempo* 58

Hold Him gen - tly as thine own, For thou hast with - in thy keep - ing

60 *rit.* *a tempo* 62

God's own well - be - lov - ed Son. *mp* God's own well - be - lov - ed

64 66

Son.