

Guard Him, Joseph

Solo, use with optional cello

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$\text{♩} = 74$

mp

a tempo

rit.

p

a tempo

Guard Him, Jo - seph, as He _ slum - bers, There be - hind the sta - ble doors, Let no er - rant

mp

mp

sound dis - tress Him, Tread thou _ soft - ly on the floor, Lin - ger watch - ful 'round the _ man - ger,

rit. *a tempo*

rit. *a tempo*

Hush thy _ voice and still the _ beasts, For thou hast with - in _ thy keep - ing Christ the _ in - fant



20 22

Prince of Peace.

mf

24 26

mp a tempo

Guard Him, Jo - seph, through the_ dark - ness, watch - ing_ o'er Him

rit. *mp a tempo*

28 30

'til the dawn, Bid the shep - herds en - ter_ meek - ly, Stand in__ won - der,

32 34

mf

gaze in awe. Trim thy lamp and shield thy_ can - dle, See they__ burn all

mf

36 *rit.* *a tempo* 38

through the_ night, For thou hast with - in_ thy keep - ing Christ the_ ev - er -

40 42 44

last - ing light.

mf

46 *mf* 48

Guard Him, Jo - seph, from all_ dan - ger, Keep thy_ vi - gil

50 52

nigh His bed, Let no harm nor grief be - fall Him, Stand thou_ in a

54 *f* 56

fa - ther's stead. When His mo - ther's arms be - wea - ry, Hold Him - gen - tly

rit. *mf* 58 *a tempo* 60

as thine - own, For thou hast with - in - thy keep - ing, God's own - well - be -

62 64 *mp*

lov - ed Son, God's own - well be - lov - ed

66 68 70

Son.