

# Guard Him, Joseph

Solo with optional cello

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♩=74

Cello

*mp* *rit.*

*a tempo*  
*p*

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

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



*mp* *rit.*

14 16

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

*mp* *rit.*

*a tempo*

18 20

For thou hast with - in \_ thy keep - ing Christ the \_ in - fant Prince of

*a tempo*

Cello

22 24

*mf* *rit.*

Peace.

*mf* *rit.*

*a tempo*

26

*mp*  
*a tempo*  
*mp*

Guard Him, Jo - seph, through the dark - ness, watch - ing o'er Him

*mp* *a tempo*

28

30

'til the dawn, Bid the shep - herds en - ter meek - ly, Stand in won - der,

32

34

*mf*  
*mf*

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

*mf*

36 *rit.* *a tempo* 38 *rit.* *a tempo*

through the\_ night, For thou hast with - in\_\_ thy keep - ing Christ the\_ ev - er -

40 *mf* 42 *mf*

last - ing light.

44 *mf* 46 *mf*

Guard Him, Jo - seph, from all\_\_ dan - ger,

48 50

Keep thy\_ vi - gil nigh His bed, Let no harm nor grief be - fall Him,

52 54

Stand thou\_ in a fa - ther's stead. When His mo - ther's

*f*

56 58

arms be\_ wea - ry, Hold Him\_ gen - tly as thine\_ own, For thou hast with -

*rit.* *mf* a tempo

60 62

in thy keep - ing, God's own well - be - lov - ed Son,

64 66

*mp*

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

*mp*

68 70

*rit.* *p*

*rit.* *p*