

# Guard Him, Joseph

Solo with optional tenor harmony

Words and music by Sally DeFord  
Optional harmony by James Loynes

Optional flute  
*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

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

10

12

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

*mf*

14

16

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

*mf*



18 20

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

*opt. harmony*

*mf*

22 24

Peace. \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

26 28

Guard Him, Jo - seph, through the\_\_ dark - ness, watch - ing\_\_ o'er Him 'til the dawn,

*mp*

30 32

Bid the shep - herds en - ter\_\_ meek - ly, Stand in\_\_ won - der, gaze in awe.

*mf* 34 36

Trim thy lamp and shield thy\_\_ can - dle, See they\_\_ burn all through the\_\_ night,

*opt. harmony*

38 40

For thou hast with - in\_\_ thy keep - ing Christ the\_\_ ev - er - last - ing

*mf*

42 44

light.

46 48

*mp*

*mf*

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

*opt. harmony*

*mf*

50 52

nigh His bed, Let no harm nor grief be - fall Him, Stand thou in a  
(Ooh, \_\_\_\_\_)

54 56

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

58 60

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

*mp* 62

lov - ed Son, *mp* God's own\_ well be - lov - ed

64 *mp* 66 *rit.*

Son.

*rit.*

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