

When Joseph
Went To
Bethlehem

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When
Joseph
went to
Bethlehem,
I think he
took great
care



to place his tools
and close his shop
and leave no shavings there.



He urged
the
donkey
forward
then, with
Mary on
its back,



and
carried
bread
and goat
cheese
in a little
linen sack.



I think there at the busy inn
that he was meek and mild



and owed
to be the
guardian
of Mary's
sacred
child.



Perhaps
all through
the chilly
hours he
smoothed
the
swaddling
bands,



and Jesus felt the
quiet strength of
Joseph's gentle hands.



And close
beside the
manger
bed, he
dimmed the
lantern's
light



and held the little Jesus
close upon that holy night.