

Guard Him, Joseph

SATB

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♩ = 70

mf *rit.*

Soprano/Alto unison:

mp *a tempo*

1. Guard him, Joseph, as he slumbers, There behind the stable doors,

10 12 *div.*

Tenor: Let no errant sound distress him, Tread thou softly on the floor,

Bass:

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14 16

mf Lin- ger watch- ful round the man- ger, Hush thy voice and still the beasts, *rit. ten.*

mf *rit. ten.*

18 20

mp For thou hast with- in thy keep- ing Christ, the in- fant Prince of *mf*

a tempo *a tempo* *mf*

22 24

Peace.

Men's voices unison:

26 28

mp 2. Guard him, Jo- seph, through the dark- ness, Watch- ing o'er him till the dawn,

30 32

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

Tenor I & II

34 36

mf Trim thy lamp and shieldthy can- dle, See they burn all through the night, For thou hast with-

rit. ten. a tempo

Bass I & II

mf Trim thy lamp and shieldthy can- dle, See they burn all through the night, For thou hast with-

rit. ten. a tempo

38 *f* in thy keep- ing, Christ the E- ver- last- ing Light. *f*

42 *mp*

Sop: 46 *mf* 48
 Alto: *mf* 3. Guard him, Jo- seph, from all dan- ger, Keep thy vi- gil nigh his bed,
 Ten:
 Bass:

50 52

Let no harm nor grief be-fall him, Stand thou in a fa-ther's stead,

(Oo - -)

54 56

When his mo-ther's arms be wea-ry, Hold him gen-tly as thine own,

rit. *ten.*

58 60

a tempo

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

a tempo

62

rit. lov- ed Son. *p a tempo* God's own well -be- lov- ed

64

Son.

66

rit.