

When Joseph Went to Bethlehem

Thoughtfully ♩ = 104-116

Chords: F, C, F, C7, F

1. When Jo - seph went to Beth - le - hem, I think he took great
 2. I think there at the bus - y inn that he was meek and

Chords: C7, F, Em, A7

care mild To place his tools and the close his shop and
 And awed to be the guard - i - an of

Chords: Dm, G7, C7, F, A7

leave no shav - ings there. He urged the don - key
 Mar - y's sa - cred child. Per - haps all through the

Chords: Dm, A7, F, C7

for - ward then, with Mar - y on its back, And
 chill - y hours he smoothed the swad - dling bands, And

Chords: F, Em, A7, Dm, C7, F

car - ried bread and goat cheese in a lit - tle lin - en sack.
 Je - sus felt the qui - et strength of Jo - seph's gen - tle hands.

F B^b F C⁷ F Dm Gm C⁷

3. And close be - side the man - ger bed, he dimmed the lan - tern's light _____ And
softer

F Em A⁷ Dm C⁷ F

held the lit - tle Je - sus close up - on that ho - ly night.

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Luke 2:1–7