

**Great Saint Joseph! Son of David  
Du aus David's**

Translated by Bishop Casartelli from a Slovak Hymnal  
Arr. by N. A. M.

**Con Spirito**

1.  
Great Saint Joseph! Son of David,  
Foster father of our Lord,  
Spouse of Mary ever Virgin,  
Keeping o'er them watch and ward!  
In the stable thou didst guard them  
With a father's loving care;  
Thou by God's command didst save them  
From the cruel Herod's snare.

2.  
Three long days in grief and anguish  
With His Mother sweet and mild,  
Mary Virgin, didst thou wander  
Seeking the beloved Child.  
In the temple thou didst find Him:  
Oh! What joy then filled thy heart!  
In thy sorrows, in thy gladness  
Grant us, Joseph, to have a part.

3.  
Clasped in Jesus' arms and Mary's,  
When death gently came at last,  
Thy pure spirit sweetly sighing  
From its earthly dwelling passed.  
Dear Saint Joseph! By that passing  
May our death be like to thine;  
And with Jesus, Mary, Joseph,  
May our souls forever shine.