

Joseph Dearest

14th Century German carol.

"Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,  
Help me cradle the child divine;  
God reward thee and all that's thine  
In paradise," so prays the mother Mary.

Refrain

He came among us at Christmastide,  
At Christmastide, in Bethlehem;  
Men shall bring Him from far and wide  
Love's diadem: Jesus, Jesus,  
Lo, He comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

"Gladly, dear one, lady mine,  
Help I cradle this child of thine;  
God's own light on us both shall shine  
In paradise, as prays the mother Mary."

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