

Guard Him, Joseph

(Solo, T/B duet or two-part men)

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Sections of accompaniment and obbligato
adapted from "Canon in D" (Pachelbel)

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system (measures 1-5) features an Obbligato part with a tempo marking of *mp* and a metronome marking of 60. It includes a piano accompaniment and a voice line starting at measure 6. The second system (measures 6-10) continues the piano accompaniment and voice line. The third system (measures 10-14) features a piano accompaniment with a *mf* dynamic and a voice line. The fourth system (measures 14-18) continues the piano accompaniment and voice line. The score concludes with a 2/4 time signature change at the end of measure 18.

Obbligato *mp* 60

Piano *mp*

Voice *mp*

Guard Him, Jo - seph, as He_ slum - bers, There be - hind the sta - ble doors, Let no er - rant

10 *mf* 12 14

sound dis - tress Him, Tread thou_ soft - ly on the floor, Lin - ger watch - ful round the__ man - ger,

16 18

Hush thy__ voice and still the__ beasts, For thou hast with - in__ thy keep - ing Christ the__ in - fant

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20 *mf* 22 24

Obbligato

Prince of Peace.

mp 26 28

Voice

Guard Him, Jo - seph, through the ___ dark - ness, watch - ing ___ o'er Him 'til the dawn, Bid the shep - herds

mp

30 32 *mf* 34

en - ter ___ meek - ly, Stand in ___ won - der, gaze in awe. Trim thy lamp and shield thy ___ can - dle,

mf

36 38

See they ___ burn all through the ___ night, For thou hast with - in ___ thy keep - ing Christ the ___ ev - er -

40 *mf* 42 44

Obbligato

Voice

last - ing light.

46 *mp* 48

mf

Guard Him, Jo - seph, from all dan - ger, Keep thy vi - gil

50 52

(Ooh,)

nigh His bed, Let no harm nor grief be - fall Him, Stand thou in a fa - ther's stead.

54 *p* *p* *p* 56 *p*

When His mo - ther's arms be__ wea - ry, Hold Him__gen - tly as thine__ own,

58 60 62

For thou hast with - in__ thy keep - ing, God's own__ well - be - lov - ed Son, God's own__ well be -

mp *mp*

64 *mp* 66 *rit.*

lov - ed Son.

rit.