

JOSEPH, DEAREST JOSEPH MINE

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German crib carol, 1605, arr. E. P.

At an easy, flowing pace

Provides vocal descent and instrumental descent

OPTIONAL SOLO

- 1 Jo-seph, dear-est Jo-seph mine, Help me rock this child of mine;
- 2 Glad-ly will I, he-dy mine, Help to rock this child of thine;

Musical notation for the first system, including an optional solo and the first two verses of the carol.

God will hon-our thee and thine In heav'n with him, the ho-ly son of
God's own heav'n-ly light shall shine On me and mine, from him, the son of

Musical notation for the second system, including the 'All.' section and the beginning of the English version.

Ma-ry. } *Christ was born on Christmas Day, On Christmas Day in*
Ma-ry.

This tune is a variant of the tune Reason in Juddiths.

Musical notation for the third system, including the beginning of the English version and the first verse.

Ma-ry moth-er hears the word of Ga-bri-el.

Ma-ry, Christ is born, the ho-ly son of Ma-ry.

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- 1 Joseph, dearest Joseph mine,
Help me rock this child of mine;
God will honour thee and thine
In heav'n with him, the holy son of Mary,
*Christ was born on Christmas Day,
On Christmas Day in Israel;
Mary mother hears the word of Gabriel,
Eia, Eia.*
- 2 Gladly will I, lady mine,
Help to rock this child of thine;
God's own heavenly light shall shine
On me and mine, from him, the son of Mary.
- 3 Peace and pardon bless us all,
God in heaven is God in stall;
There he lies, a babe so small,
To ransom us, the holy son of Mary.
- 4 Thou art come to keep my heart,
Love, th' eternal Word thou art,
Help me now to play my part
And welcome him, the holy son of Mary.
- 5 Sweet thou art, O Babe of grace,
Poor thou art, and poor thy place,
Yet in Godhead turn thy face
To smile and save, O holy Son of Mary.

English version E. P.