The Lord Told Joseph He Must Go

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Text: Matthew 2:13-23

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The Lord told Joseph he must go, And take his child and wife, For Herod planned to find his son To take away his life.

To Egypt they would flee that night, And so they would fulfill The prophet's words about their son, In keeping with God's will.

Still Herod sought to find the boy, And he began to slew All of the boys in Bethlehem, All who were under two.

Thus Jeremiah's words were heard 'Bout Rachel's ancient cry,
This mother weeping for her sons
Because they all would die.

But when at last Herod was dead, An angel then would tell Joseph to take his family And go to Israel.

In Nazareth of Galilee
Jesus would grow to be
The man who'd die to pay for sin
To set all people free.

And so we praise Christ's holy name, As we recall his birth, And thank the Lord in heav'n above For sending him to earth.

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