

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

German, 15th Cent

Resonet In Laudibus

Chord progression for the first system: Cmin7 Cmin Eb7sus4 Eb Cmin Eb7sus4 Eb Fmin Fmin7

Chord progression for the second system: Abmaj7 Gmin Cmin Fmin7 Eb Gmin7 Gmin C

Chord progression for the third system: Gmin7 C F7sus4 Bb Eb9 Cmin Eb7sus4 Abmaj7 Bb7sus4 Eb

Chord progression for the fourth system: Gmin Cmin Gmin Cmin Eb Fmin7 Bb7 Eb

“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.

Peace to all that have goodwill!
 God, who heaven and earth doth fill,
 Comes to turn us away from ill,
 And lies so still
 Within the crib of Mary.

Thou my lazy heart hast stirred,
 Thou, the Father's eternal Word,
 Greater than aught that ear hath heard,
 Thou tiny bird
 Of love, thou Son of Mary.

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*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!*

All shall come and bow the knee;
 Wise and happy their souls shall be,
 Loving such a divinity,
 As all may see
 In Jesus, Son of Mary.

Sweet an lovely little one,
 Thou princely, beautiful, God's own Son,
 Without thee all of us were undone;
 Our love is won
 By thine, O Son of Mary.

“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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Now is born Emmanuel,
 Propheted once by Ezekiel,
 Promised Mary by Gabriel -
 Ah, who can tell
 Thy praises, Son of Mary!

Little man, and God indeed,
 Little and poor, thou art all we need;
 We will follow where thou dost lead,
 And we will heed
 Our brother, born of Mary.

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