

It Came to Joseph Fast Asleep

CAROL (8.6.8.6 D)

Text: Anna Strickland, 2019

Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

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It came to Jo - seph fast a - sleep 'mid night of cloud -
 Of Ma - ry preg - nant with the Christ dear Jo - seph dreamt
 "Just as the pro - phet of the Lord had said in days
 May we as Jo - seph learn to trust the wo - men in

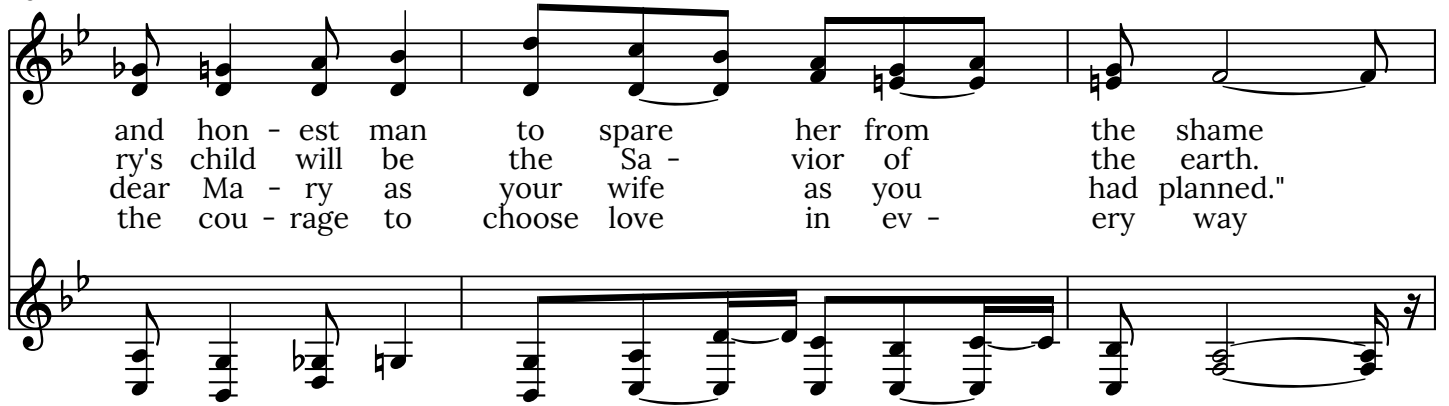
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 in bed When there the an - gel did des - cend
 be - fore The vir - gin shall con - ceive, and God
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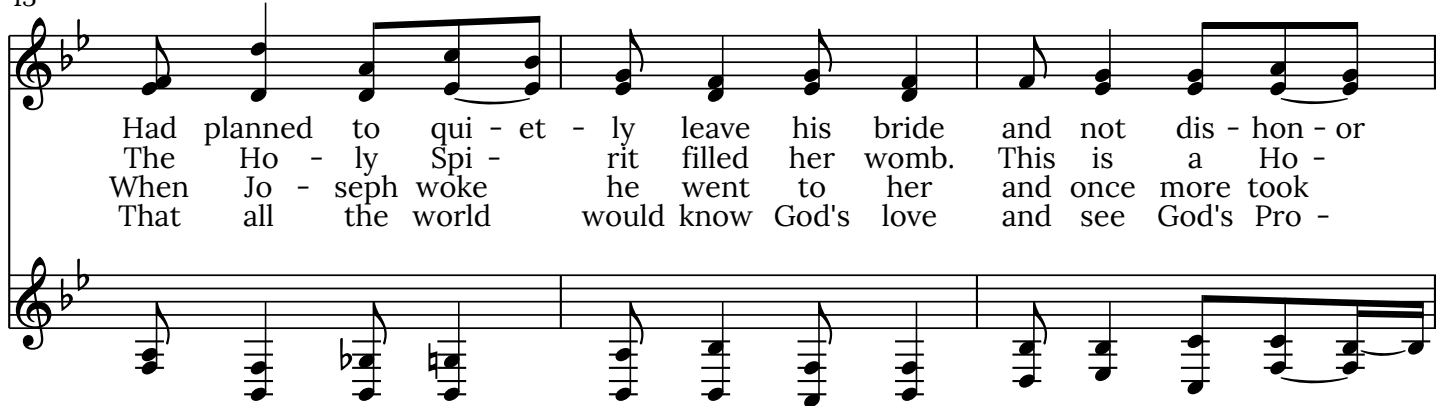
with mes - sage from on high When he, a good
 and this is what she said: "Fear not! for Ma -
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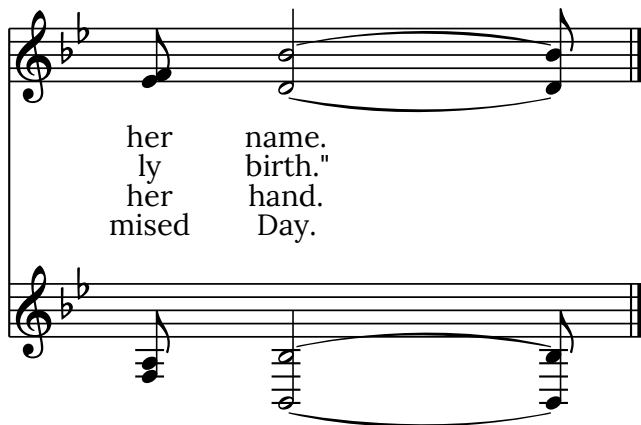
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 The Ho - ly Spi - rit filled her womb. This is a Ho -
 When Jo - seph woke he went to her and once more took
 That all the world would know God's love and see God's Pro -

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It came to Joseph fast asleep 'mid night of cloudless sky -
An angel of the Lord appeared with message from on high
When he, a good and honest man to spare her from the shame
Had planned to quietly leave his bride and not dishonor her name.

Of Mary, pregnant with the Christ dear Joseph dreamt in bed
When there the angel did descend and this is what she said,
“Fear not! For Mary’s child will be the savior of the earth.
The Holy Spirit filled her womb. This is a holy birth.”

“Just as the prophet of the Lord had said in days before
The virgin shall conceive and God is with us evermore.
Now go and take dear Mary as your wife as you had planned.”
When Joseph woke, he went to her and once more took her hand.

May we as Joseph learn to trust the women in our world
Whose voices silenced and reduced so often go unheard.
And may we have the courage to choose love in every way
That all the world would know God’s love and see God’s promised day.