

Additional verses to
"When Joseph Went to Bethlehem"

by Bessie Saunders Spencer

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titled 'When Mary Went From Nazareth'.

When Mary went from Nazareth,
I think she swept her floor,
And closed the shutters tightly
And locked the painted door,
Perhaps she looked up at the hills
And said good-bye to them,
As she went down the narrow road
To far-off Bethlehem.

I think the man who kept the inn
Stood in the lantern's light
And grieved because he had no room
For Mary on that night.
And in the stable, I am sure,
The oxen's eyes were mild,
And white lambs watched her as she held
The newborn Jesus Child.