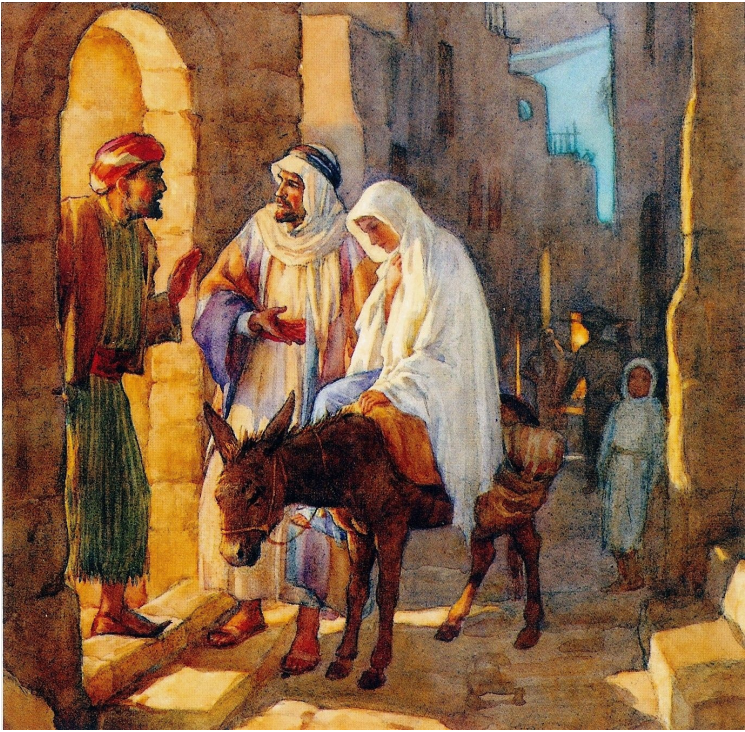


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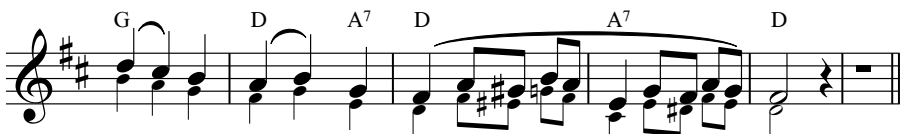
1. In the name of hea - ven,
2. Do not be so heart - less!
3. We have come from Na - za - reth,
4. Please, sir, all we ask
5. Tru - ly, my wife Ma - ry



1. Can you give us lodg - ing?
2. Help us, we im - plore you.
3. Walk - ing all the way
4. Is one night of lodg - in
5. Is a queen most bless'd.



1. My dear wife's ex - haust - ed
2. God, who sees from heav - en,
3. I am a poor wood - work - er.
4. For the queen of heav - en.
5. She will be the mo - ther



1. Af - ter hours of walk - ing.
2. Sure - ly will re - ward you.
3. Jo - seph is my name.
4. Can you of - fer no - thing?
5. Of the Word made flesh.

INSIDE



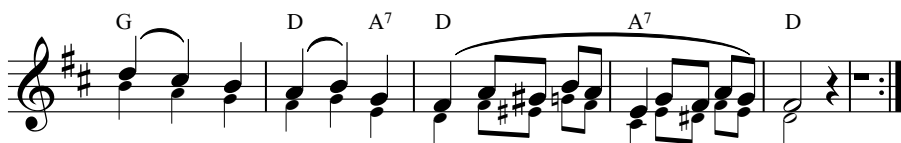
1. I ___ can - not ___ as - sist ___ you.
2. This ___ is not ___ an inn. ___
3. Know - ing what ___ your name ___ is
4. I've ___ heard ma - ny sto - ries;
5. Is ___ that you, ___ Saint Jo - seph?



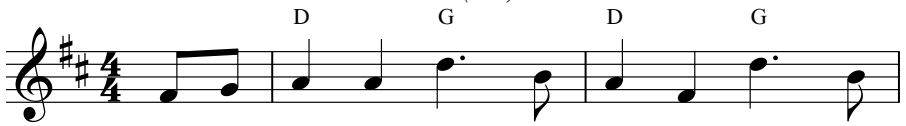
1. Find ___ some - one ___ who can. ___
2. I ___ don't take ___ in stran - gers.
3. Does ___ not change my an - swer.
4. This ___ beats e - v'ry one. ___
5. And ___ the Vir - gin too? ___



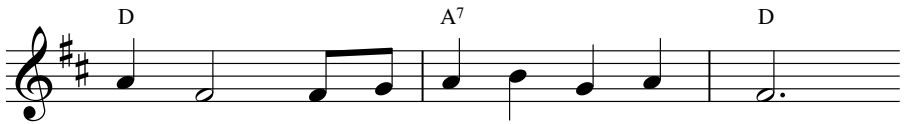
1. Leave ___ now, or I warn ___ you,
2. You ___ might be a rob - ber.
3. Go, ___ and let me sleep. ___
4. Since ___ when does a queen ___
5. I would have o - pened soon - er



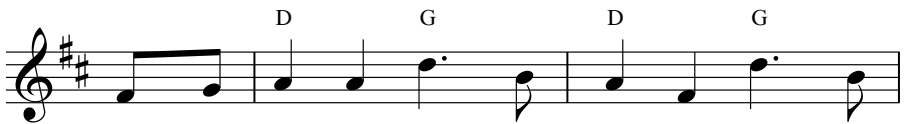
1. You ___ will wish you had. ___
2. I ___ can't risk ___ that dan - ger.
3. Stop ___ this use - less ban - ter.
4. Walk ___ at night a - lone? ___
5. If ___ I'd re - cog - nized ___ you.

CODA (all)

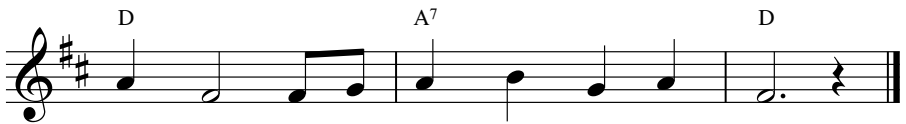
6. En - ter, en - ter, ho - ly pil - grims, ho - ly
7. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, and our Sa - vior, and our



6. pil - grims. Wel - come to my hum - ble home.
7. Sa - vior, what a joy to have you here!



6. Though it's lit - tle I can of - fer, I can
7. We are ho - nored to re - ceive you, to re -



6. of - fer, all I have, please call your own.
7. ceive you. May you stay through all the year!

Las Posadas is a Spanish-language tradition where the story of the Holy Family arriving in Bethlehem searching for an inn is told through song and procession. In this arrangement there are five call and response verses. The 'outside' singers, which include St. Joseph and the blessed virgin Mary sing their request for lodging, and the 'inside' singers refuse them. Any combination of these verses may be sung at any number of stations where the Holy Family seeks shelter, processing from door to door. When the Holy Family reaches their final destination all participants are waiting to welcome them indoors for warm drinks and treats, singing "Enter, enter, holy pilgrims".

Traditionally Las Posadas is celebrated in the days before Christmas, and can take place over the course of multiple days.

Have a very blessed Christmas, and may you always find room in your home for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.