

Dear St. Joseph, Pure and Gentle

1. Dear St. Jo-seph, pure and gen-tle, Guar-dian of the Sav-ior Child, tread-ing
 2. He who re-sted on thy bo-som is by count-less saints a-dor'd! Pro-strate
 3. Dear St. Jo-seph, kind and lo-ving, stretch to us a hel-ping hand, guide us

with the Vir-gin Mo-ther E-gypt's de-serts rough and wild.
 an-gels in His pre-sence sing ho-sa-nnas to their Lord. Hail St.
 through life's toils and so-rows safe-ly to the di-stant land!

Jo-seph, Spouse of Ma-ry, bless'd a-bove all saints on high! When the death shades round us

ga-ther, teach, o, teach us how to die; teach, o, teach us how to die.

This hymn first appeared in (Catholic) hymnals in the early 1900's, but not much is known regarding the composition. This version is attributed to the "Sisters of Notre Dame", but there are several versions using the same melody, and some that use a different tune.