

Great St. Joseph!

1. Great Saint Jo - seph! Son of — Da - vid, fo - ster fa - ther of our Lord,
 2. Three long days in grief and an - guish with His Mo - ther sweet and mild,
 3. Clasp'd in — Je - sus' arms and Ma - ry's, when death gent - ly — came at last,

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 Spouse of — Ma - ry e - ver Vir - gin, kee - ping o'er them watch and ward!
 Ma - ry — Vir - gin, didst thou wan - der see - king the be - lo - ved Child.
 thy pure spi - rit sweet - ly — sigh - ing from its earth - ly — dwe - lling pass'd.

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 In the sta - ble thou didst guard them with a fa - ther's lo - ving care;
 In the tem - ple thou didst find Him: Oh! What joy then fill'd thy heart!
 Dear Saint Jo - seph! By — that pa - ssing may our death be like to thine;

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 thou by — God's co - mmand didst save them From the cru - el Her - od's snare.
 In thy so - rrows, in — thy glad - ness grant us, Jo - seph, to have part.
 and with Je - sus, Ma - ry, — Jo - seph, May our souls for - e - ver shine.

This hymn was translated by Bp. Casartelli from a tune in a Slovak hymnal, further arranged by N. Montani. It first appears in English in the early 1920's. Bp. Casartelli was gifted in languages, including Sanskrit and other oriental languages, and was an exceptionally pious and humble prince of the Church.