Joseph: From One Father to Another

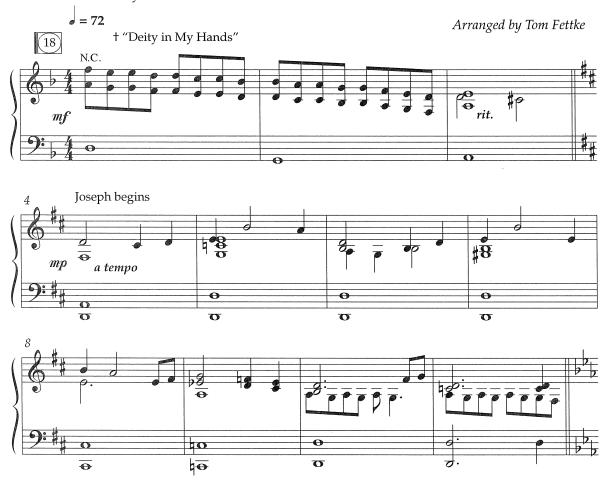
JOSEPH

(music begins) "This isn't the way I planned it, God. Not at all. My child being born in a stable? This isn't the way I thought it would be. A cave with sheep and donkeys, hay and straw? My wife giving birth with only the stars to hear her pain?...

"When you sent the angel and spoke of the son being born — this isn't what I pictured. I envisioned Jerusalem, the temple, the priests, and the people gathered to watch. A pageant perhaps. A parade....I mean, this is the Messiah!...

"Any minute now Mary will give birth....Not to an infant, but to God. That's what the angel said. That's what Mary believes. And God, my God, that's what I want to believe. But surely you can understand; it's not easy. It seems so...so...bizarre....

"I guess it's foolish of me to question you. Forgive my struggling. Trust doesn't come easy to me, God. But you never said it would be easy, did you?"

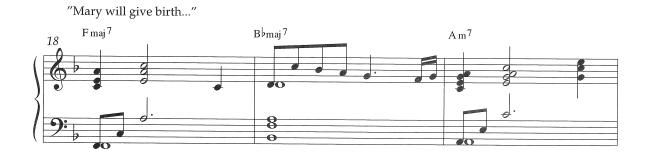


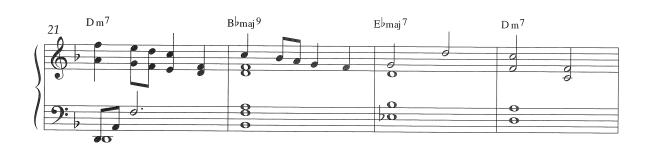
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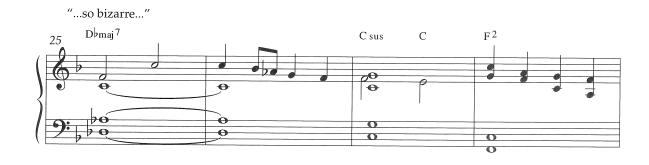
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 * Or, "polish, yet respect Him."

