

Young Mary's Boy Filled Her with Joy

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Young Mary's boy filled her with joy
but later broke her heart,
and Herod's schemes filled Joseph's dreams
to wake him with a start.

Southward they fled, how full of dread
that harm would reach their son!
These refugees raised anxious pleas
to Israel's Holy One.

What would we pray if we were they?
For royal gifts most rare?
Or for a life that's free from strife,
no wailing in the air?

Even in pain their lives remained
deep-rooted in God's grace.
So God can give us strength to live
through struggles that we face.

For deeper cheer in times of fear,
we need to draw shalom
from this good well: Immanuel,
our helper and our home.