

# The Nativity

## Protection and Promise

Mary was led out of Nazareth,  
for her protection from prying eyes,  
as her waist grew,  
to stay with Elizabeth  
for promise fulfilment  
and peaceful pondering.

Mary was led out of Nazareth,  
for her protection from flying stones,  
as the day drew near,  
to travel with Joseph  
for Bethlehem's promise  
and painful birth.

Mary was led out of Bethlehem,  
for their protection from piercing swords,  
as her son grew,  
to live in Egypt:  
replaying memory  
and pattern of promise.

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