

# *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

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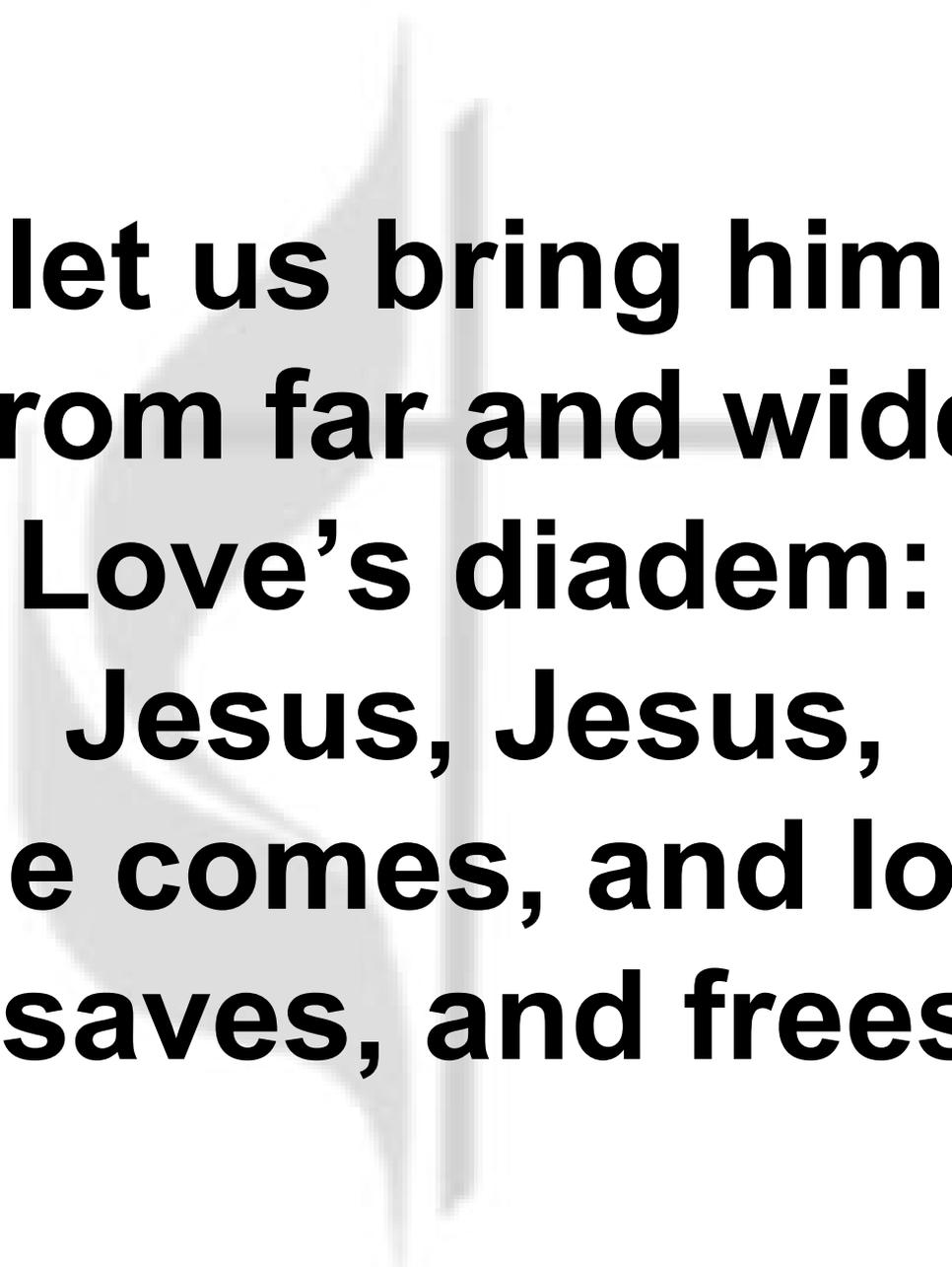
**1. Joseph dearest,  
Joseph mine,  
help me cradle  
the child divine;**



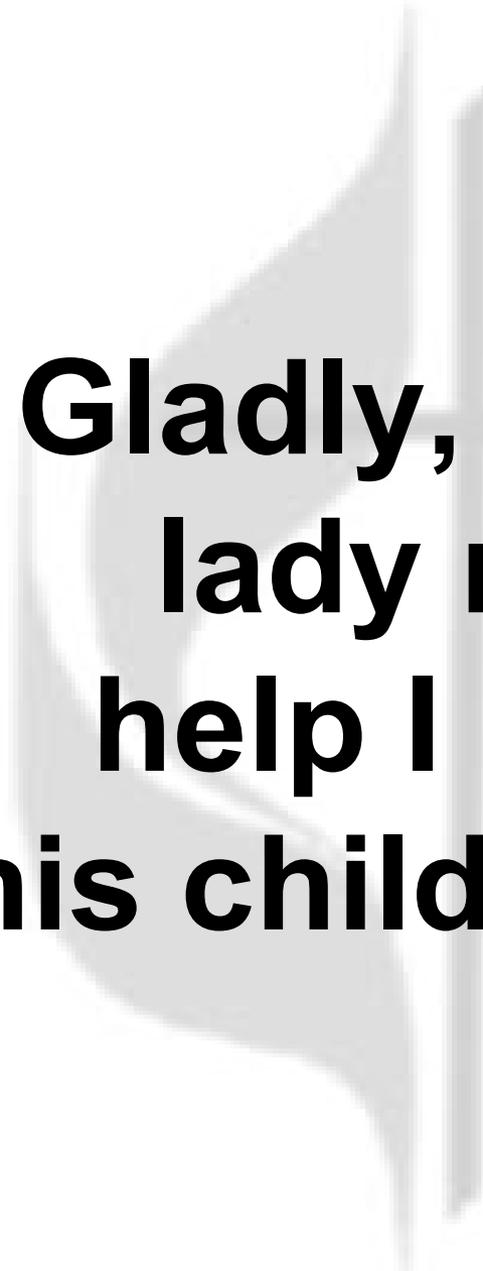
**God reward thee  
and all that's thine  
in paradise,  
so prays the mother Mary.**

*Refrain*

**He came among us  
at Christmastime,  
at Christmastime,  
in Bethlehem;**



**let us bring him  
from far and wide  
Love's diadem:  
Jesus, Jesus,  
lo, he comes, and loves,  
and saves, and frees us!**



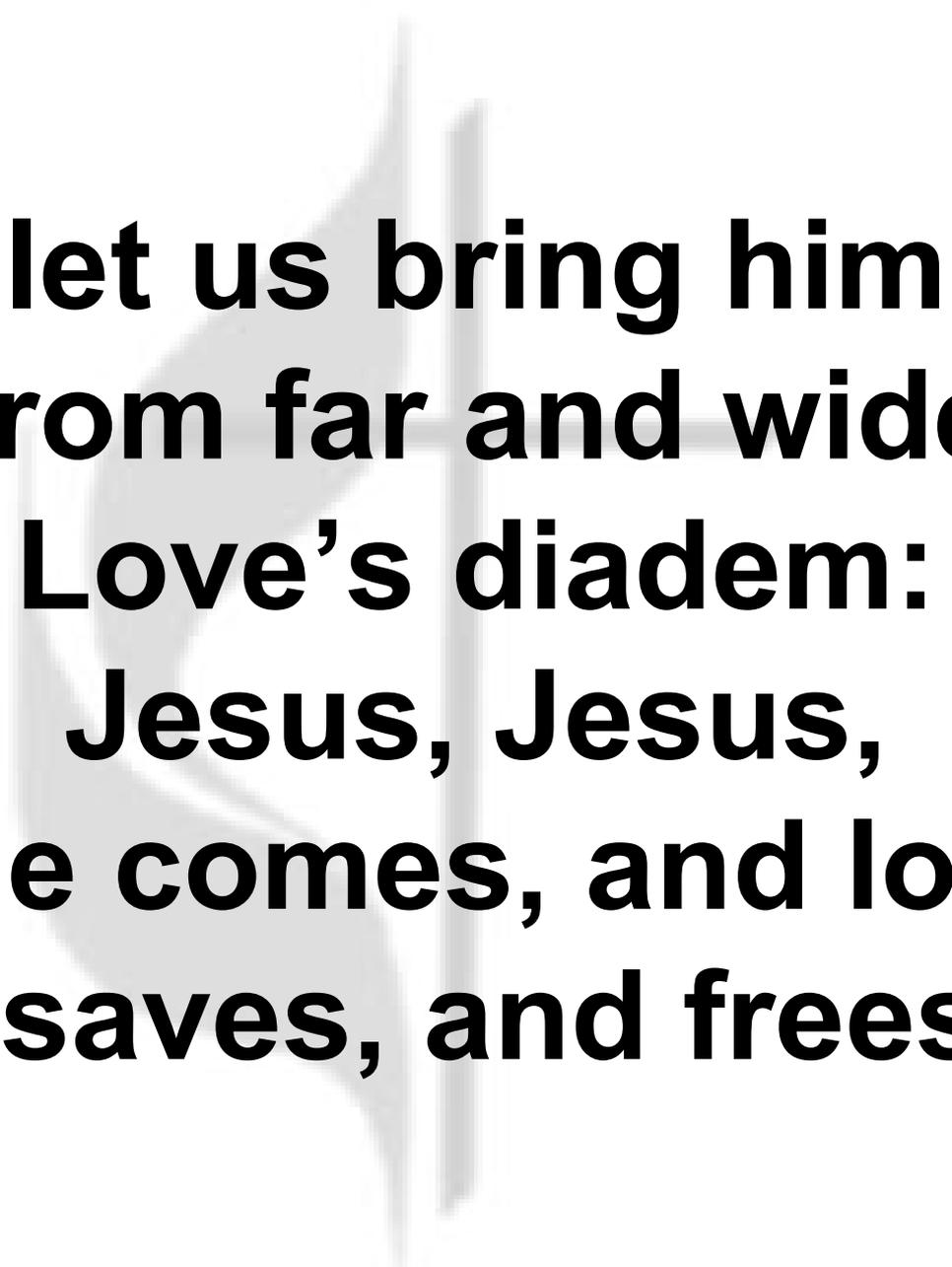
**2. Gladly, dear one,  
lady mine,  
help I cradle  
this child of thine;**



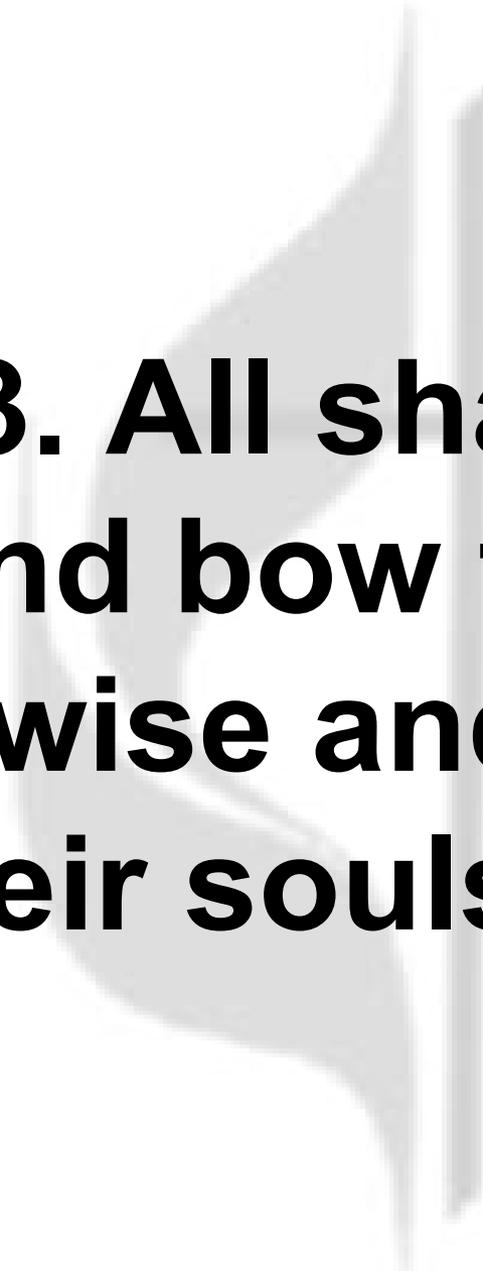
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on us both shall shine  
in paradise,  
as prays the mother Mary.**

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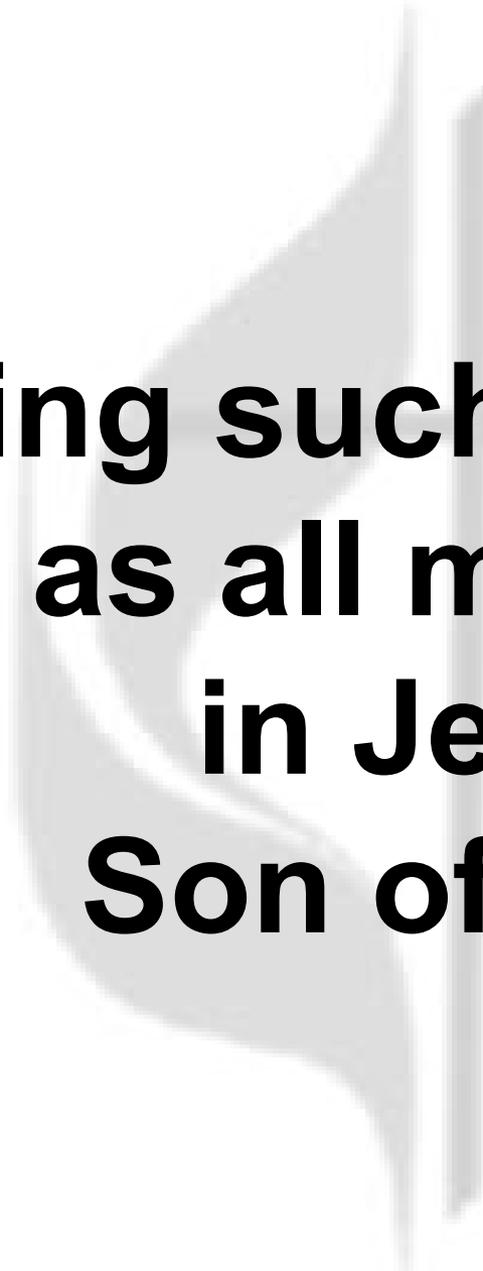
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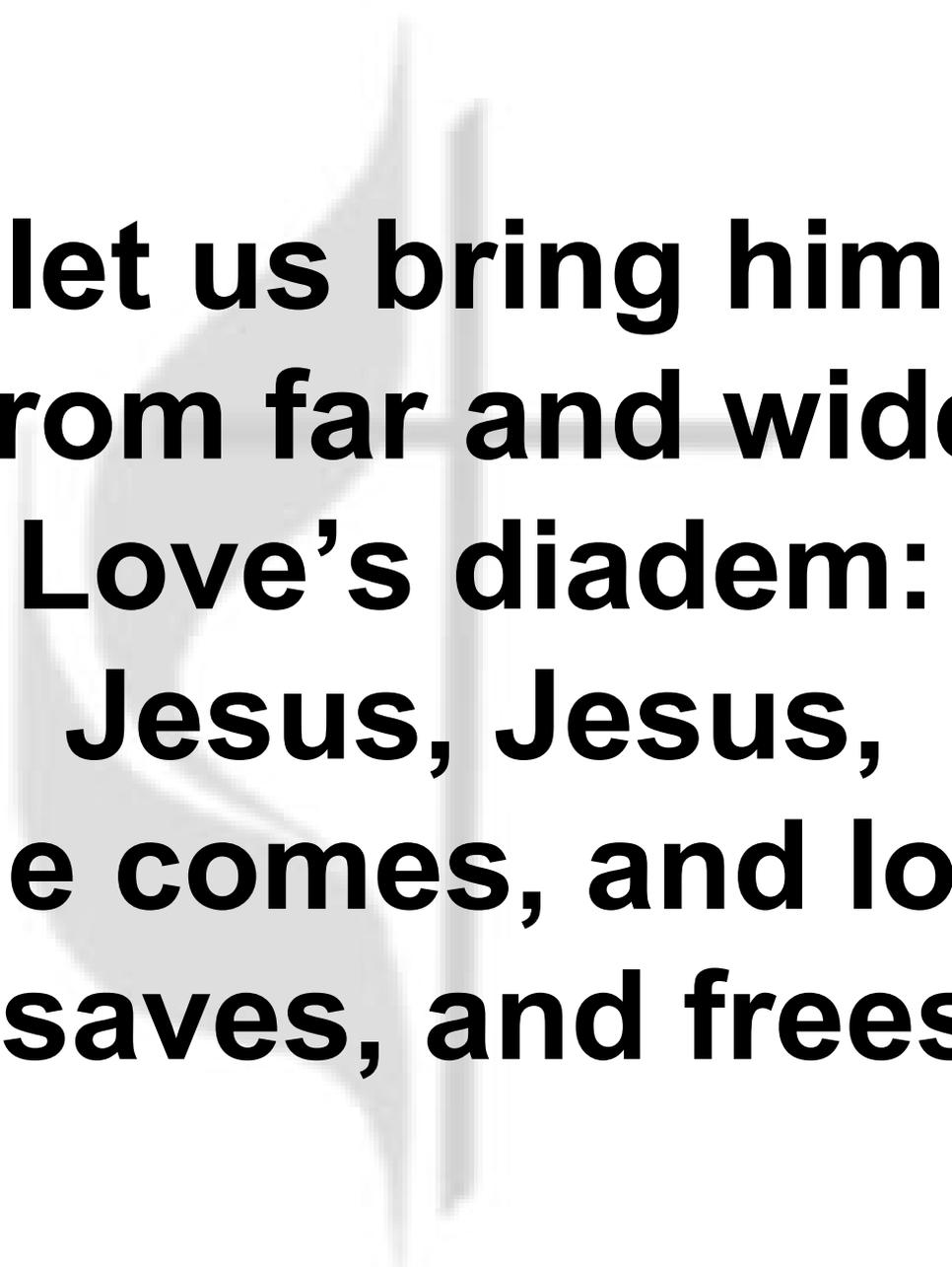
**3. All shall come  
and bow the knee;  
wise and happy  
their souls shall be,**



**loving such a divinity,  
as all may see  
in Jesus,  
Son of Mary.**

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