

## LAS POSADAS SONG

These can be sung in sections with a Bible reading, prayer or time to meditate between verses.

### TRAVELLERS: *(Begin)*

1. From our long, long journey  
Very weary are we!  
We are seeking shelter  
For our rest and safety.
2. Who will give us lodging?  
We are travellers weary,  
So very, very tired  
Trudging roads so dreary.
3. We can only ask you  
In your heart to trust us.  
Just give us a corner,  
We won't make a great fuss.
4. We are in such great need!  
Oh, see my belov'd spouse  
Is to have a baby!  
Let her rest in your house.
5. Surely know you're God's hands!  
Surely know you're God's feet!  
What you have to offer  
Is the thing that we need.
6. Yes! Your gift is welcome!  
It is just what we need!  
We are Mary and Joseph  
Travellers from far off.
7. Do you know who we are?  
Do you know our faces?  
We are wanderers, homeless,  
In all times and places.
8. We have come to your town  
to your shores and nation.  
Many doors are shut tight,  
Few will now let us in.
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### HOSTS: *(Reply)*

*Who arrives at our door  
On this stormy ni-ght?  
Who comes pounding rudely  
Giving us such fri-ght?*

*Who asks us for lodging?  
We can't answer such fuss.  
You could be a robber  
Come to steal, or hurt us.*

*There's no vacant corner  
No place we can rent you.  
Fields are free and plenty  
Stay out there and make do.*

*There's no room at our inn,  
No bed we can offer.  
Know that we are sorry,  
God won't let her suffer.*

*All we have to offer  
Is a tiny stable  
Surely you don't want that...  
But—use it if you're able.*

*Can it be as you say?  
Can it really be true?  
Mary, Holy Mother?  
Joseph, can it be you?*

*You are every refugee,  
And the immigrants too.  
Seeking rest and safety  
Where no one will harm you.*

*Who will leave Christ outside?  
Who will turn Christ away?  
Holy Child, be born to us,  
Welcome and with us stay!*

### UNISON: *(May be repeated)*

**Open every door wide!**

**Open up and welcome!**

**Holy Family—come in, In this place, you're now home!**

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