



The song of the Roman soldiers

(Tune: The grand old Duke of York)

O the Emperor of Rome,
He had so many men,
He sent them up to the top of the hills,
And he sent them down again.
And when they were up,
they were up;
And when they were down,
they were down;
And even if they were halfway up,
They visited every town.

O the Emperor of Rome,
He ordered everyone
To leave their homes and go at once,
To be counted one by one.
And when they were up,
they were up,
And when they were down,
they were down,
And even if they were halfway up,
They went to their family town.



So then Joseph came to me,
Said, 'It's time to pack.'
He walked us up to the top of the hills,
With Mary on my back.
And when we were up,
we were up,
And when we were down,
we were down,
And after many a dusty mile,
We came to Bethlehem town.