

(OLD TESTAMENT)

JOSEPH'S LESSONS

Joseph's father gave him a robe with beautiful colors galore
A message received by his brothers that he was loved much more
The robe like that of royalty; a symbol so grand and vivid
Aggravated strained relations, making jealous thoughts more livid.

When Joseph boasted to his brothers of a very exciting dream
Hating him even more, they began to plot and scheme
For twenty shekels of silver, Joseph was sold to Ishmaelite men
Finally traded to a guard in Egypt, his life as a slave would begin.

No mistake in life or prison wall can break God's loving cord
No mountain's too high or valley too low to hide us from our Lord
Greatly blessed and protected by God, Joseph was used in a special way
Having grown in fairness and humility, each and everyday.

Forgiveness was the final lesson God would ask Joseph to learn
As his brothers came in desperate need, all things in life would turn
God loves a humble spirit; one that's open, gentle and kind
Feeling welcome, will enter the entire being; heart, soul and mind.



("Joseph Is Sold" painted by Doris Cox)

Genesis 37: 28

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.