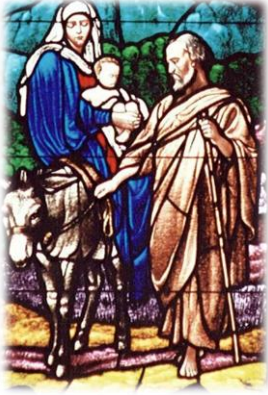




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Matthew 2: 13

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt."



DIVINE GUIDANCE

**The magi known as men of wisdom, in the night sky beheld a bright star.
Signifying the birth, of a ruler great, its brilliance could be seen from afar
With their own eyes, to behold this king, would fulfill their hearts desire
To accomplish this goal, traveling many miles, from them it would require.**

**Upon hearing the description the magi gave, Herod quickly feared the new king
Thoughts of another, taking his throne, to Herod was a threatening thing
Receiving a warning from God Almighty, the magi returned another way
In a fit of rage, having gone mad, Herod held a massacre that day.**

**Joseph in a dream, was told by an angel, that Egypt would be their new home
There they would stay, until they were told it was safe for them to roam
Herod had power by human appointment, unlike Jesus the King
That no one can thwart God's magnificent plans, is truly a glorious thing.**

**Obedience to Jesus, may require us to travel, in a totally different way
Letting faith be our eyes, trusting in His promise, and moving without delay
God's divine guidance comes to open hearts, and with our best interest in mind
For our well being, we may be quietly asked, to leave the familiar behind.**