

# On a Donkey's Back

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D Gm/D Gm/Bb D/A G/B A/C# G D/F#  
 She rode off on a don - key's\_ back, the mai - den lea - ving her home. Her  
 Em7 D/F# GΔ<sup>9</sup> A Bb Ab Bb C<sup>sus4</sup> C/Bb  
 de - sti - ny: a\_ daun - ting track be - gin - ning with a de - cree from Rome. The  
 F/A Bb C Dm<sup>add9</sup> Gm F C/E Bb/D  
 roc - ky road made her small frame sway, but such a trea - sure in Ma - ry lay that her  
 Bb Am<sup>7</sup> Bb C Bb F/G G/A A<sup>7</sup>  
 will and her faith kept the pain at bay: She knew that she had a part to play.

1. She rode off on a donkey's back,  
 the maiden leaving her home.  
 Her destiny: a daunting track  
 beginning with a decree from Rome.  
 The rocky road made her small frame sway,  
 but such a treasure in Mary lay  
 that her will and her faith kept the pain at bay:  
 She knew that she had a part to play.
2. In Bethlehem she sought in vain  
 to find a room with a bed.  
 As Joseph knocked, her pangs of pain  
 grew stronger with every shaking head.  
 Though each closed door led to more dismay  
 her strength prevailed and they found a way,  
 and we still praise her will to endure that day  
 by knowing she had a part to play.
3. With courage, blood and sweat and tears  
 the bold of heart follow through.  
 As constant flames, across the years  
 they shine like beacons for me and you.  
 When sticks and stones make you trip and sway,  
 recall that light and you'll find a way.  
 We will stand, hand in hand, and give thanks one day,  
 while knowing we had a part to play.
4. We often find a rocky track  
 when our commitment is strong,  
 and jostled on a donkey's back  
 we grow in strength as we plod along.  
 For every cause there's a price to pay,  
 yet, all for one, we will find a way.  
 It is worth giving birth to a brave new day  
 by knowing we have a part to play.