

## Mighty Mighty Bosstones

### "The Hands That First Held Mary's Child"

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The hands that first held Mary's child  
Were hard from working wood  
From boards they sawed and nailed and filed  
And splinters they withstood

This day they gripped no tool of steel  
They drove no iron nail  
But cradled from the head to heel  
Our Lord, newborn and frail

When Joseph marvelled at the size  
Of that small breathing frame  
And gazed upon those bright new eyes  
And spoke the infant's name

The angel's voice he once had dreamed  
Poured out from heaven's height  
And like the host of stars that gleamed  
Blessed earth with welcome light

This Child will be Emmanuel  
Not God upon a throne

But God-with-us, Emmanuel  
As close as blood and bone

The tools which Joseph laid aside  
A mob would later lift  
And use with anger, fear and pride  
To crucify God's gift

Let us, O Lord, not only hold  
The Child who's born today  
But charged with faith, may we behold  
To follow in His way

BRIDGE:

The tiny form in Joseph's palms  
Confirmed what he had heard  
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms  
For heaven's human Word

This Child shall be Emmanuel  
Not God upon the Throne  
But God-with-us, Emmanuel  
As close as blood and bone (Repeat)

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