Narrator 1. - The Bible is divided into two main parts, The Old Testament and The New Testament. We are going to tell you the story of one of the most famous people in the Old Testament - Joseph.

Narrator 2.- Don't be confused with Joseph the Step Father of Jesus. This Joseph was the son of a man named Jacob and lived many thousands of years before Jesus was born. This Joseph was famous for his multi coloured coat.

Verse 1 -Before the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem Town,
The blessings of God on Jacob came down,
He had many sons to look after his sheep,
This great man, in his old years they'd keep.

Verse 2 - Jacob loved Joseph more than the others
This upset things and angered his brothers,
Jacob gave young Joe, a coat to keep,
As he wandered around, looking after his sheep.

<u>Verse 3</u> - The colours were dazzling and really quite bright,

Some said that it even, glowed in the night, Like a packet of crayons, or a rainbow on high, This beautiful coat, sure caught the eye.

Narrator 3.- Joseph's brothers were really jealous. They felt that all this was terribly unfair. They plotted to kill Joseph. They decided to throw him down a well.

Narrator 4.- Luckily for Joseph they changed their minds and eventually sold Joseph to some passing traders. The traders were on their way to the distant land of Egypt.

Narrator 5.- The brothers dipped Joseph's coat in sheep blood and told their father that he hade been attacked and killed by wild animals. Jacob was heart broken.

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Verse 4 - Joseph's brothers thought and planned,
To get their brother, off the face of the land,
How could they do it and not get caught?
A reason or excuse would have to be sought.

<u>Verse 5.-</u> In a well they threw him out of view
But one brother shouted, "This will not do."
When faced with this problem they shouted, "O, dear."
And all sat down for a nice cool beer.

<u>Verse 6.-</u> Then over the sand dunes some traders came,

Young Joe's life, would never be the same, The Brothers problems had been solved, To sell Joe to the traders, they did resolve.

Verse 7.- The traders took Joseph away from his land, Covered with palm trees and deserts and sand, With a very sharp knife, they cut a sheep's throat And in to the blood, they dipped Joseph's coat.

<u>Verse 8.-</u> They showed the coat, to Jacob their dad, His poor heart was broken - he was really sad. The brother began to doubt what they had done, To Joseph their brother, to Dad's favourite son.

Narrator 6.- Joseph was taken to Egypt where he worked as a slave. God had given Joseph a special gift. The gift to understand and explain people's dreams. The Egyptian King, The Pharaoh heard about this man Joseph and asked him to help interpret his dreams.

Narrator 7. – Each night in his dreams the king saw seven fat cows and seven thin cows, he was very confused. Joseph explained that the dream meant that Egypt would have seven years of plenty of food and then seven years of famine.

Narrator 8.- Joseph advised the King to build huge food stores to save food during the seven years of plenty. The King was so impressed with Joseph that he gave him the job of being in charge of the food storage.

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<u>Verse 9.-</u> The Pharaoh heard about this amazing man, And though he would fit in, with his plan, What do my dreams mean? He asked out right, The ones I get, in the middle of the night.

Verse 10.- Would you like a job, as my dream teller, I'm sure you're the one the special feller, His job made him rich and gave him great power, Gifts on Joseph ,the Pharaoh did shower.

Verse 11.— Fat and thin cows was the special sign, Oh please, please, help with this dream of mine, Seven years of good and then seven years of bare, If we save in the first, we'll have plenty to share.

Verse 12 The Dream came true; there was lots of "nosh."

Even the poor lived as if they were posh, But because of Joe, they saved tons and tons, For in the bad times, to feed their sons. Narrator 9. - The prediction came true and during the seven years of very little food, in a far off land, Jacob and his family were slowly running out of stock. Jacob heard that there was plenty of food in the land of Egypt. He sent his sons to see what they could buy. They didn't know Joseph was the man in charge.

<u>Verse 13.-</u>What can we do? The brothers were moaning,

Our stomach's are empty and always groaning, The people in Egypt, have more than ample, Perhaps some of this, they will let us sample.

Verse 14.- We shall go to Egypt, far in the west, And do for Jacob, what we think best, Jacob sat back and combed his grey hair, You can buy enough food, when you get there.

Verse 15.- I am too old and will soon be dead,
My big strong sons, can go instead,
Look after Benjamin, treat him with care,
Purchase lots of food, for us all to share.

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Narrator 10.— The brothers arrived in the land of Egypt and went to buy some food. They did not recognise it was their brother standing before them.

<u>Verse 16.-</u> They went to the palace, to buy some food,

They tried very hard, not to be rude,
They waited patiently, at the back of the queue,
There was nothing else, that they could do.

Verse 17.- A rich man stood up and asked them Yes?
You have come to buy food at a guess,
It was Joseph their brother, before their eyes,
But the could not see, through his disguise.

Verse 18.— I've forgotten my brothers, wicked crime, Now their love, will one day be mine, But before that happens, I'll play one last trick, The results will make, his brothers feel sick.

Narrator 11.- Joseph sold his brothers lots of food but he also hid a gold plate and cup in Benjamin's saddle bag. He then sent them on their way.

Narrator 12.- Joseph pretended to discover the robbery and set his soldiers after the brothers. They were brought back, all proclaiming their innocence.

Narrator 13. - Joseph had Benjamin thrown in jail and told the others he would not be freed until Jacob their father came to Egypt.

Verse 19. - Joseph's plan, was going just great, In Benjamin's bag, he'd hidden a gold plate, They all set off, their bags tied up tight, We'll all be home, by Saturday night.

<u>Verse 20</u>. - "My cup of gold has been stolen!" cried Joe.

After those boys, my soldiers must go,
They dragged them back and locked them up,
And searched through the bags, for the plate and the
cup.

Verse 21.- Your dad must come, to get you out of my jails.

You will all die, if this plan fails,

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It will break Jacob's heart and hurt him bad, The brothers set off, to get their Dad

Narrator 14.- Jacob came to Egypt to plead for the lives of his sons. Everybody was frightened of this rich and powerful Egyptian. Jacob stood in front of the man, then something really strange happened. A huge grin spread over the Egyptians face and tears filled his eyes." Father," he whispered...

Verse 22.- But to the old mans great surprise,
He saw a tear, in the Egyptian's eyes,
I can't keep this trick up, any more,
He began to sob and sat on the floor.
I'm Joseph your son, wiser and older,
Then Joseph began to cry on his shoulder.



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