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Down and Back

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Benjamin: The new beginning came in many different ways for Joseph. He married an Egyptian girl, began a family, and quickly set in motion all the programs he planned. But through all of his good fortune, the memory of his own sufferings gave him a heart of true compassion for the people of the land.

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Meanwhile, back at Joseph's ranch in Canaan... We were underfed, for the famine had spread, so the brothers went South to buy some bread...

17 *With energy!* 2

21 *All Men* 21

Down, down, down to E-gypt. Down, down, down. Down, down, down where all the

24 24

food is found. Down, down, down to E-gypt. Down, down, down.

27 *1st Solo* 27

Down, down, down we're Pyr - a - mid bound. And

29 *2nd Solo* *All sing* 29

then I think we'll see the Sphinx. We'll stop at Tut's for food and drinks. We'll

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cross the Nile in sin- gle file and give the king our broad- est

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33 *apt. Solo* 33  
smile! Down, down, down to E-gypt. Down, down, down.

36 *rit.* 36  
Down, down, down to E-gypt. All the way down!

39 39  
Hi-oh! Good-bye-oh! and off we go to Pha- ra- oh...

42 42  
Down, down, down to E-gypt. Down, down, down.

44 44  
Down, down, down to E-gypt. Down, down, downnn!

Benjamin: (*rhythmic, rap-style, but a little looser*)  
Joe saw his brothers, but decided to wait  
And reveal himself at a later date.  
When the brothers walked up, they didn't have a clue  
That the governor was "you-know-who."

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Simeon: (*to Joseph*) Oh, great vice-Pharaoh of the land, we kiss the ground on which you stand. Your radiance lights the morning sky.  
Gad & Asher: And you seem like a real swell guy.  
Simeon: We come before you on our knees.  
Gad & Asher: We humbly ask you, pretty please.  
Joseph: (*impatient*) Just make your point and make it plain.  
Simeon: Just let me handle all the talk.  
Reuben: Could we swap silver for some grain?

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Vocals

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Issachar: Now this here bushy beard was made from five full years without a blade!  
Simeon: Oh no, great Pharaoh No. 2  
We'd never try to pry on you!  
Dan & Naphtali: We look alike, we're brothers, see?  
All Brothers: We're one big happy family!  
Joseph: Have all the brothers come for grain?  
(Here half the brothers say "Yes" and half "No", then realize what they've done and switch parts, followed by:  
Simeon: (*clearing throat*) I'd best explain.

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Simeon: (*continued*) There were twelve sons, but not today;  
One stayed with Dad, one passed away.  
Joseph: I'll release nine of you on bail  
But one must stay down here in jail.  
When you've returned with the other son  
I'll believe you and free everyone.

75 75

Benjamin: (*breaking rhythm*) So nine returned and one was kept as Joseph turned his back and softly wept.

81 *A tempo* 81

84 84

Back, back, back to Ca- nan. Back, back, back. Back, back, back, we got our

87 87

bags all loaded. We've put the sacks on cam- els' backs and

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these boys are mak- in'- tracks! Back, back, back to Ca- nan,

91 91

Back, back, back. Back, back, back to Ca- nan. All the way

94 94

back!