

## Little Joe

The Stanley Brothers

One night as the stars were all shining  
Little Benny knelt down by his bed  
He asked the dear Lord to forgive him  
For all the bad words he had said

Please papa don't whip little Benny  
Please papa don't whip little Ben  
He's little and wants you to love him  
Please papa don't whip little Ben

You remember how Mama loved Benny  
How she kissed him the morning ahe died  
She told him to love and obey you  
And I know little Benny has tried

Oh what if dear Mama in Heaven  
Should be looking way down from the sky  
And see you whip little Benny  
I know it would make Mama cry

Those very bad words that he said  
He learned from some old wicked men  
He's little and didn't know better  
Please papa don't whip little Ben