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St Josemaria used to love singing love-songs, to which he gave a new

meaning about loving God. "Never be afraid," he said, "to use clean human love songs to sing about divine love. Because we love with one same heart. God loves us like that, madly, each of us, as if we were the only person on earth" (quoted by Ana Sastre, *Tiempo de Caminar*).

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- Little Donkey

Click on the title above for the lyrics of this carol, and words by St Josemaria explaining his love for the Christmas donkey. Recording from the DVD "Christmas Voices", by Eremeran Hills Study Centre (Sydney, Australia). Audio and lyrics.

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