

How Far Is it to Bethlehem?

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English Traditional

1. How far is it to Beth - le - hem? Not ve - ry far.
2. May we stroke the crea - tures there, Ox, ass, or sheep?
3. — Great kings have pre - cious gifts, And we have naught,

Shall we find the sta - ble - room Lit by a star? Can
May we peep like them_ and see Je - sus a - sleep? If
— Lit - tle smiles and lit - tle tears Are all we brought. For

we see the lit - tle Child, Is He with - in?
we touch His ti - ny hand Will He a - wake?
all wea - ry chil - dren Ma - ry must weep.
God in His mo - ther's arms, Babe in the byre,

D.S. last time

If we lift the wood - en latch May we go in?
Will He know we've come so far Just for His sake?
— Here, on His bed of straw Sleep, chil - dren, sleep.
— Sleep, as they sleep who find Their heart's de - sire.