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(1869-1938)

# How far is it to Bethlehem

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(1879-1943)

*moderato* ♩ = 84

Soprano

*mp* How far is it to Beth-le-hem? Not ve-ry far?

Alto

*pp* Ah, — Ah, — Ah, — *pp* Ah, —

Tenor

*pp* Ah, —

Bass

*pp* Ah, —

Practice only

*moderato* ♩ = 84

*pp* > > > *mp* *pp*

S

Shall we find the sta-ble room, Lit by a star? *mp* Can we see the lit-tle Child, Is He with-in?

A

Ah, — *pp* Is He with-in? —

T

Ah, — *pp* Is He with-in?

B

Ah, — *pp* Is He with-in?

*pp*

S If we lift the wood-en latch, *p* May we go in? *mf* May we stroke the crea-tures there,

A *p* May go in? *mf* May we stroke there,

T *p* May we go in? *mf* May we stroke there,

B *p* May we go in?

*mp* *p* *mf*

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S Ox, ass, and sheep? May we peep like them, and see *mp* Je - sus a- *p* sleep?

A Ox, ass, and sheep? May we see there *mp* Je - sus a- *p* sleep?

T Ox, ass, and sheep? May we see there *mp* Je - sus a- *p* sleep?

B *mf* Ox, ass, and sheep? *mp* Je - sus a- *p* sleep?

*mp* *p*

S *mp* If we touch His ti - ny hand, *p* Will He a - wake? *cresc.* Will He know we'd come so far,

A *mp* If we touch His ti - ny hand, *p* Will He a - wake? *cresc.* Will He know we'd come so far,

T *mp* If we touch His hand, *p* Will He a - wake? *cresc.* Will He know we'd come,

B *mp* If we touch His hand, *p* Will He a - wake? *cresc.* Will He know we'd come,

20 S *dim.* Just for His sake? *mf* And we have nought.

A *dim.* Just for His sake? *mf* And we have nought.

T *dim.* Just for His sake? *mf* And we have nought.

B *dim.* Just for His sake? *f* Great kings leave pre-cious gifts, \_\_\_\_\_

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S *mp* Lit-tle smiles and lit-tle tears are all we brought. *mf* For all wea-ry chil- dren

A *p* (humming) *mf* For all wea-ry chil - dren

T *p* (humming) *mf* For all wea-ry chil - dren

B *mf* For all wea-ry chil - dren

*mp* *p* *mf*

S Ma - ry must weep; *mp* Here, on His bed of straw, *p* Sleep, chil-dren, sleep. *poco rall.*

A Ma - ry must weep *mp* Here, on His bed of straw, *p* Sleep, chil-dren, *poco rall.*

T Ma - ry must weep; *mp* Here, on His bed, *p* Sleep, *poco rall.*

B Ma - ry must weep; *mp* Here, on His bed, *poco rall.*

*mp* *p poco rall.* *p*

30 *a little slower*

S *mp* God in His moth-er's arms, Babes in the byre,

A chil- *pp* dren, sleep.

T chil- *pp* dren, sleep.

B *p* Sleep, chil- *pp* dren sleep.

*a little slower*

*pp mp*

35 *a tempo*

S *poco rall. dim. pp* Sleep as they sleep who find their heart's de-sire.

A *poco rall. dim. a tempo* *p* (humming) *pp* 'm 'm 'm.

T *poco rall. dim. a tempo* *p* (humming) *pp* 'm 'm 'm.

B *poco rall. dim. a tempo* *p* (humming) *pp* 'm 'm 'm.

*p poco rall. pp a tempo*