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How far is it to Bethlehem?  
for voice and piano

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Moderato ♩=c72

1. How far is it to  
2. May we stroke the

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Beth - le - hem? Not ve - ry far. Shall we find the sta - ble room Lit by a  
crea-tures there, Ox, ass and sheep? May we peep like them and see Je - sus a -

12

star? Can we see the lit-tle child, Is He with - in? If we lift the  
sleep? If we touch His ti - ny hand Will He a - wake? Will He know we've

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wood-en latch May we go in?  
come so far Just for His

24 2.

sake? Great kings have pre-cious gifts, And we have naught; Lit-tle smiles and

30

lit-tle tears Are all we brought.

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For all wear-y child-ren Ma - ry must weep. Here on His bed of straw

43

Sleep, child-ren sleep. God in His moth-er's arm, Babes in the byre

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Sleep as they sleep who find Their heart's de - sire. How far is it to

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Beth-le-hem? Not ve - ry far. Shall we find the sta-ble room Lit by a

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star? Can we see the litt - le child, Is He\_ with - in? If we lift the

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wood-en latch May we go in? May we

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go in? rit. rit.