



# How far is it to Bethlehem



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39. O ye that love the Lord ...	J. W. Elliott	2d.	113. O Lord, grant the King ...	W. Child	3d.
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42. I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God ...	H. Blair	2d.	116. Let my prayer be set forth ...	G. C. Martin	2d.
43. O praise God in His holiness ...	H. Blair	2d.	117. {Let Thy hand be strengthened}	G. C. Martin	3d.
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48. Jesu, Word of God incarnate (Ave Verum) ...	J. White	2d.	122. Almighty God, Who hast me brought ...	T. Ford	2d.
49. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord ...	J. V. Roberts	2d.	123. Hide not Thou Thy face ...	R. Farrant	2d.
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52. The path of the just ...	J. V. Roberts	2d.	126. Arise, O Lord ...	F. A. J. Hervey	2d.
53. O Lord, correct me ...	J. Coward	2d.	127. Deliver us, O Lord ...	A. Batten	2d.
54. I will arise ...	C. Wood	2d.	128. Lord, we beseech Thee ...	A. Batten	2d.
55. The Angel of the Lord ...	Alan Gray	2d.	129. Seek the Lord and ye shall live ...	H. E. Button	2d.
56. Jesu, Saviour, I am Thine ...	B. Steane	2d.	130. Hide me under the shadow ...	John E. West	2d.
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60.* Give ear unto my prayer (English words only)	Arcadelt	2d.	135. Father of all ...	Tye	2d.
61. Lead me, Lord ...	S. S. Wesley	2d.	136. O God of Bethel ...	Tye	2d.
62. Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life	C. F. Bowes	2d.	137. Lift up the everlasting gates ...	Tye	2d.
63. Wherewithal shall a young man ...	John Alcock	2d.	138. O Lord, increase my faith ...	Gibbons	2d.
64. Jesus said unto the people ...	J. Stainer	2d.	139. Let the wicked forsake his way ...	J. Goss	2d.
65. Let us come boldly ...	C. H. Lloyd	2d.	140. Lord, in thankful love adoring ...	Schubert	2d.
66. These are they which follow ...	J. Goss	2d.	141. Hark! hark! my soul ...	O. King	2d.
67. O Lord, give ear unto my prayer ...	W. H. Cummings	2d.	142. Lord God Almighty, hear ...	Verdonck	2d.
68. Whom have I in heaven but Thee ...	G. J. Elvey	2d.	143. Blessed is He that cometh ...	A. H. Brewer	2d.
69. O Wisdom ...	J. Stainer	2d.	144. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem ...	O. King	2d.
70. O Lord and Ruler ...	J. Stainer	2d.	145. Almighty and Everlasting God ...	A. M. Richardson	2d.
71. O Root of Jesse ...	J. Stainer	2d.	146. O God, forasmuch as without Thee ...	A. M. Richardson	2d.
72. O Key of David ...	J. Stainer	2d.			
73. O Day-spring ...	J. Stainer	2d.			
74. O King and Desire ...	J. Stainer	2d.			

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ANTHEM FOR CHRISTMAS

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Moderato

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

(For practice only)

Moderato.  $\text{♩} = 84$

Not ve-ry far? Shall we find the sta-ble room, Lit by a star? Can we see the lit-tle Child,

Ah, . . . Ah, . . .

Ah, . . . Ah, . . .

Ah, . . . Ah, . . .

Ah, . . .

HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM

Is He with - in? If we lift the wood-en latch, May we go in?  
 Is He with - in? . . . May we go in?  
 Is He with - in? May we go in? . . .  
 Is He with - in? May we go in?  
 pp                      mp                      p

May we stroke the crea-tures there, Ox, ass, and sheep? May we peep like them, and see  
 May we stroke there, Ox, ass, and sheep? May we see there  
 May we stroke there, Ox, ass, and sheep? May we see there  
 mf  
 Ox, ass, and sheep?

mf  
 mf

## HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is for the voice (soprano) and the lower staff is for the piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. Measure numbers are present above the piano staff. The vocal part features lyrics in three-line stanzas, with the piano providing harmonic support. The piano part includes bass notes and chords.

mp      p  
Je - sus a - sleep ? If we touch His ti - ny hand, Will He a - wake ?  
mp      p  
Je - sus a - sleep ? If we touch His ti - ny hand, Will He a - wake ?  
mp      p  
Je - sus a - sleep ? If we touch His hand, Will He a - wake ?  
mp      p  
Je - sus a - sleep ? If we touch His hand, Will He a - wake ?

Will He know we'd come so far, Just for His sake ?  
Will He know we'd come so far, Just for His sake ?  
Will He know we'd come, Just for His sake ? . . .  
Will He know we'd come, Just for His sake ? Great kings leave pre- cious gifts, .

## HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM

*mf*

And we have nought. Lit - tle smiles and lit - tle tears are all we brought. . . For  
*mf*

And we have nought. (*humming*) 'm . . . . For  
*mf*

And we have nought. (*humming*) 'm . . . . For  
*mf*

For . . . .

*mp*

all wea - ry chil - dren Ma - ry must weep; Here, on His bed of straw,  
*mp*

all wea - ry chil - dren Ma - ry must weep; . . . Here, on His bed of straw,  
*mp*

all wea - ry chil - dren Ma - ry must weep; Here, on His bed, . . .  
*mp*

all wea - ry chil - dren Ma - ry must weep; Here, on His bed, . . .

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*poco rall.*

*pp*, A little slower

Sleep, chil - dren, sleep. . . . . God in His mother's arms, Babes in the byre,

*poco rall.*

*pp*,

Sleep, chil-dren, chil - dren, sleep.

*poco rall.*

*pp*,

Sleep, chil - dren, sleep.

*poco rall.*

*pp*,

Sleep.

*A little slower*

*poco rall.*

*pp*

*poco rall.*

*a tempo*

Sleep as they sleep who find their heart's de - sire. . . . .

*poco rall.*

*pp*, *a tempo*

'm . . . . . 'm . . . . . 'm . . . . . 'm . . . . .

(humming)

*poco rall.*

*pp*, *a tempo*

'm . . . . . 'm . . . . . 'm . . . . .

(humming)

*poco rall.*

*pp*, *a tempo*

'm . . . . . 'm . . . . . 'm . . . . .

(humming)

*p poco rall.*

*pp a tempo*