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HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM?

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Moderato
pp

1st SOPRANO
Ah, . . . ah, . . . ah, . . .

2nd SOPRANO
pp Ah, . . . ah, . . . ah, . . . *mp* How far is it to Bethle-hem?

CONTRALTO
pp Ah,

PIANO.
Moderato. ♩ = 84
mp

mp

Not ve-ry far? Lit by a star? Can we see the lit-tle Child,

Not ve-ry far? Shall we find the sta-ble room, Lit by a star?

Not ve-ry far? Lit by a star?

8va

mp

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Is He with-in? If we lift the wooden latch, May we go in?

Is He with-in? . . . May we go in?

Is He with-in? May we go in?

Sua

p

mf

May we stroke the creatures there, Ox, ass, and sheep? May we peep like them, and see

May we stroke there, Ox, ass, and sheep? May we see there

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mf

marcato ma legato

p *mp* *p*

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

p *mp* *p*

Je - sus a - sleep? If we touch his ti - ny hand, Will He a - wake? . . .

p *p*

Je - sus a - sleep? Will He a - wake?

p *mp* *p*

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Will He know we'd come so far, Just for His sake?

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Just for His sake? Great kings leave pre-cious gifts, . .

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

mf And we have nought. *mp* Are all we brought. . .

. . . And we have nought. *mp* Are all we brought. . .

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

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

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poco rall. *pp* A little slower

Sleep, chil-dren, sleep.

poco rall. *pp* *mp*

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

poco rall. *pp*

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

poco rall. *p* *pp* *mp* A little slower



poco rall. *a tempo* *pp*

'm, (humming) 'm, 'm, 'm.

poco rall. *a tempo* *pp*

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

poco rall. *a tempo* *pp*

'm, (humming) 'm, 'm, 'm,

poco rall. *pp a tempo*

