

HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM?

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Moderately (ca. ♩ = 88)

ENGLISH CAROL

Arranged by MARK HAYES (ASCAP)

Vocal

Piano

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B \flat

Bassoon

Percussion

Bells

1 2 3 4 5 6

Vocal

Pno.

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

How - far is it to Beth - le - hem:

12

Vocal

not ver - y far. Shall we find the sta - ble room lit by a star? can we see the

Pno.

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

Vocal

lit - tle child, Is He with - in? If we lift the wood - en latch, may we go in?

Pno.

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

mp

mp

mf

Vocal

Pno.

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

Sus. Cymbal

mf

May we

28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Vocal

Pno.

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

35

vis - it the crea - tures there, ox - en and sheep? May we peek in the stall, and see the Je - sus a -
ba - by a -

35 36 37 38 39 40 41

mf 43 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Vocal: sleep? If we touch His ti - ny hand, will he a - wake? Will He know we've come so far

Piano accompaniment (Pno.)

Flute (Fl.)

Oboe (Ob.)

Bassoon (Bsn.)

Clarinet in B-flat (B. Cl.)

Drum set (Perc.)

42 43 44 45 46 47 48

poco rit. *a tempo* *mf* 54 *mf*

Vocal: just for His sake? Great kings have pre - cious gifts

Piano accompaniment (Pno.) *(for rehearsal only)*

Flute (Fl.)

Oboe (Ob.)

Bassoon (Bsn.)

Clarinet in B-flat (B. Cl.)

Drum set (Perc.) Bells

49 50 51 52 53 54 55

Vocal
and we have naught. Lit - tle smiles and lit - tle tears are all we have brought. For all wea - ry

Pno.

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Perc. Sus. Cymbal

56 57 58 59 60 61 62

mp *mf* *mf*

Vocal
chil - dren Mar - y must weep, here on this bed of straw, sleep, chil - dren sleep.

Pno.

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Perc. Mark Tree

63 64 65 66 67 68 69

poco rit. *a tempo* *rit.* *mp* *mp*

How Far Is It to Bethlehem? - 6
a tempo

70 *p* God in His moth - er's arm, babes in the byre. *mp*
Vocal Oo Sleep as they sleep who find *mp*

Pno. *p* *mp*

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

B. Cl. *p* *mp*

Bsn. *p*

Perc.

70 71 72 73 74 75

molto rit. *a tempo* *p* *rit.*
Vocal their heart's de sire. *p*

Pno. *p*

Fl. *p*

Ob. *p*

B. Cl. *p*

Bsn. *p*

Perc. Bells *p* Mark Tree

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