

How Far Is It to Bethlehem

For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices
a cappella

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Traditional English
Arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Quietly and simply

Soprano
How far is it to Beth - le - hem, not ve - ry far? Shall

Alto
How far is it to Beth - le - hem, not ve - ry far? Shall

Tenor
How far is it to Beth - le - hem, not ve - ry far? Shall

Bass
How far is it to Beth - le - hem, not ve - ry far? Shall

Piano (for rehearsal only)

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we find the sta - ble room lit by a star? Can we see the

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This carol has been recorded by the Robert Shaw Chorale in RCA Victor Album # LM 1711

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

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

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

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⑮ *mp* May we go in? May we stroke the crea - tures there, Ox, ass or sheep? Hm, -

⑳ *p*

p May we go in? Hm, - *mp* May -

p May we go in? Hm, -

p May we go in? Hm, -

⑮ *mp* ⑳

mp (25)

If we touch His

we peep like them and see Je - sus a - sleep? Hm,

Hm, Hm, Hm, Hm,

(27)

(30)

ti - ny hand, Will He a - wake? Hm,

mp

Will He a - wake? Will He know we've come so far

Will He a - wake? Hm,

Will He a - wake? Hm,

(30)

mf espr. (35)

God in His Moth-er's arms, Babes in the

mf espr.

Just for His sake? God in His Moth-er's arms, Babes in the

mf espr.

God in His Moth-er's arms, Babes

mf espr.

God in His Moth-er's arms, Babes

mf espr. (35)

ten. p *poco rit. e dim.* (40)

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

ten. p *poco rit. e dim.*

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

ten. p *poco rit. e dim.*

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

ten. p *poco rit. e dim.*

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

ten. p *poco rit. e dim.* (40)

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