

# How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

For SATB Choir, Piano, and Two Flutes

Lyrics by Frances Chesterton

English Traditional tune  
Arranged by Michael K. Rollins,  
after an arrangement by Mack Wilberg

$\text{♩} = 96$  *Sweetly*

Flute 1

Flute 2

Piano

8 **A**

*verse 1 women* How far is it to Beth - le - hem? Not ver - y far, Shall we find the  
*verse 2 men* May we stroke the crea-tures there, Ox, ass, or sheep? May we peep like

Fl 1

Fl 2

Pno

15

sta - ble-rooms lit by a star? Can we see the lit - tle Child, Is he with - in? If  
them and see Je - sus a - sleep? If we touch His ti - ny hand, Will he a - wake? Will

Fl 1

Fl 2

Pno

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**B**

22

1.

2.

we lift the wood-en latch may we go in?  
he know we've come so far just for his sake?

**C**

29

*a cappella* Great kings have  
*if desired*

36

pre-cious gifts, and we have naught; Lit-tle smiles and lit-tle tears are all we have brought. For

43

all wear-y child-ren Mar-y must weep. Here, on His bed of straw sleep, child-ren, sleep.

51 **D**

God in His mo-ther's arms, babes in the byre, Sleep, as they sleep who find

Pno

58

their heart's de - sire.

F1 1

F1 2

Pno

64

F1 1

*rit.*

F1 2

Pno