How Far Is it to Bethlehem?

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1. How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
2. May we stroke the creatures there, Ox, ass, or sheep?
3. Great kings have precious gifts, And we have naught,

Shall we find the stable-room Lit by a star? Can
May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep? If
Little smiles and little tears Are all we brought. For

we see the little Child, Is He within?
we touch His tiny hand Will He awake?
all weary children Ma - ry must weep.
God in His mother’s arms, Babe in the byre,

If we lift the wooden latch May we go in?
Will He know we’ve come so far Just for His sake?
Here, on His bed of straw Sleep, children, sleep.
Sleep, as they sleep who find Their heart’s desire.

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