How far is it to Bethlehem

English carol

Intro

(\( \text{Intro Song} \))

1. How far is it to Bethlehem?

Not very far. Shall we find the

stable room, lit by a star? Can we see the little child,

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Trad.
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2. Can we see the little Child?
   Is He within?
   If we lift the wooden latch
   May we go in?

3. May we stroke the creatures there
   Ox, ass, or sheep?
   May we peep like them and see
   Jesus asleep?

4. If we touch His tiny hand
   Will He awake?
   Will He know we've come so far
   Just for His sake?

5. Great kings have precious gifts
   And we have naught
   Little smiles and little tears
   Are all we brought.

6. For all weary children
   Mary must weep
   Here, on His bed of straw
   Sleep, children, sleep.

7. God in His mother's arms
   Babes in the byre
   Sleep, as they sleep who find
   Their heart's desire.