

Canterbury Cathedral Choir

"How Far Is It To Bethlehem?"

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Ho-ow far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far
Sha-all we find the stable room lit by a star?

Can we see the little Child? Is He within?
I-if we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

May-ay we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass or
sheep?
May-ay we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?

If we touch His tiny hand, will He awake?
Wi-ill he know we've come so far just for his sake?

Great kings have precious gifts, and we have nought
Little smiles and little tears are a-all we brought

For all weary chi-ildren, Mary must weep
Here, on His bed of straw, sleep, children, sleep

God in His mother's arms, babe in the byre
Sleep, as they sleep who find, their heart's desire

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