

for the Choir of St. George's, Cullercoats, United Kingdom

# HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM?

Frances Chesterton, 1869–1938

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♩. = 60

S *mf* How far is it to Beth - le-hem?

A *mp* Not ver - y far.

T, B *mp*

5 Shall we find a sta - ble room lit by a star?

Ah, lit by a star?

*cresc.*

9 *mf* Can we see the lit - tle child? If we lift the wood - en

*mp* Is he with-in?

12 Ah. May we stroke the

latch, Ah.

*mp* may we go in? *mf* Ah.

\*no breath

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15 crea - tures there,

*mp*

ox, ass — or sheep? —

*mp*

18 May we peep — like them and see Je - sus — a -

*mf* *cresc.*

Ah, — Je *cresc.* sus a -

21 sleep?

*mp*

sleep? will he a - wake? —

*mf*

sleep? If we touch his ti - ny hand, —

24

— just for his sake? —

*mf* *cresc.*

Will he know we've come so far, — Ah. —

27 Great kings — have pre - cious gifts and we — have naught,

*f* *dim.*

Great — gifts, and we have naught, —

*f* *dim.*

*B div.*