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SATB

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Traditional English Carol

Tenderly, expressively ♩ = ca. 88
 8va-----

mp

4 SA *mp*
 TB

How — far is it to

(8va)-----

8
 Beth - le-hem, not ve - ry far? Shall — we find the

(8va)-----

The musical score is for a SATB choir and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The tempo is marked 'Tenderly, expressively' with a quarter note equal to approximately 88 beats per minute. The piano part begins with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic. The vocal parts enter at measure 4. The Soprano and Alto parts have a melodic line, while the Tenor and Bass parts provide harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'How far is it to Bethlehem, not very far? Shall we find the'. The score includes octave markings (8va) for the piano accompaniment in measures 1, 5, and 9.

12

sta - ble room lit by a star? Can

(8^{va})

16

we see the lit - tle Child, is He with - in? If__

(8^{va})

20

we lift the wood - en latch, may we go in?

(8^{va})

24

mf May — we pet the

28

crea - tures there, ox - en or sheep? May — we *mel.* peek like

32

them and see Je - sus a - sleep? If