

# If I Had Been in Bethlehem

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$\text{♩} = 90$

Play both hands one octave higher for vs. 1.

1. If I had been in Beth-le-hem the  
(If) I had lived in east-ern lands and  
(I) did not live in Beth-le-hem that

night of Je-sus' birth, And heard a-far the an-gels' joy-ful  
watched with ea-ger eyes, If I had seen his star ap-pear and  
Christ-mas night of old, Or tra-vel with the wise men there to

song of peace on earth, If I had seen the shep-herds come to  
blaze a-mong the skies, If I had seen the wise men go to  
bring him gifts of gold, But I can give a great-er gift than

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seek the ba- by fair, I think I would have fol- lowed them, and  
 seek the new- born King, I think I would have fol- lowed them, my  
 a- ny earth- ly gem, For all my heart and all my love will

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knelt be- side gifts them to there. 2. If  
 fin- est to bring. 3. I

*loco*

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3.  
 be my gift to him. *8va*

*rit.*

*Red.* \*