

## **Thought for the day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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### **How far is it to Bethlehem?**

As to the distance it depends  
on where you are when you set out.  
Naturally, if the winds  
of heaven take up the slack, make taut  
your soul, make winged your feet,  
so that you soar –  
singing your heart's true song,  
follow the crumb-trail of your star –  
the journey will not be long,  
for the House of Bread is where you are  
but have not tasted, savoured, taken in, before

I say; the journey will not be long,  
but you will have ventured all and travelled far.

Kate Compton

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It is good to go to Bethlehem in prayer and imagination.