

Poor Wayfarin' Stranger

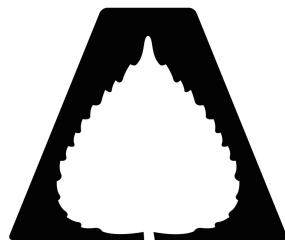
New Classics Series

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SATB div. a cappella

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Written for the 2012 St. Olaf Chapel Choir Vespers
Dedicated to Craig Hella Johnson for the journey

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The musical score is for a SATB div. a cappella setting of 'Poor Wayfarin' Stranger'. It features four vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The score begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are: 'I'm just a poor way - far - in' stran - ger trav' - lin'. The Soprano part starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The Alto part starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The Tenor part starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The Bass part starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment includes a section marked 'for rehearsal only'.

Text for *I Wonder as I Wander* published in John Jacob Niles' *Songs of the Hill Folk* in 1934 (PD)

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S ³
 through this world of, world of woe, — there's no sick - ness

A
 through — this world of woe, and there's no sick - ness, toil, or

T
 8 through this world of, world of woe, there's no sick - ness,

B
 through this — world of, world of woe, there's no sick - ness,

S ⁶ *cresc.*
 toil or dan - ger in that fair land to which I go, I'm go - in'

A *cresc.*
 dan - ger — in that fair land — to which I go. — I'm

T *cresc.*
 8 toil or dan - ger in that fair land to — which I — go. I'm

B *cresc.*
 toil or dan - ger in that fair land to which I — go. I'm

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f

S there _____ to meet my Sav - ior, _____ I'm go - in' there _____ no more to

mf

A go - in' _____ there to meet my Sa - vior, _____ I'm go - in' there no _____ more to _____

mf

T go - in' there to _____ meet my _____ Sav - ior, I'm go - in' there no _____

mf

B go - in' _____ there to _____ meet my Sav - ior, I'm _____ go - in' _____ there no _____

rit. _____ *p* *a tempo*

S roam, I am goi - in' _____ o - ver Jor - dan,*

mp

A roam, to roam, I'm on - ly go - in' o - ver Jor - dan, _____ I'm on - ly

p

T more to roam, I am go - in' o - ver Jor - dan,*

p

B more to roam, I _____ am go - in' o - ver Jor - dan,*

* close to the [n] immediately

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S sky, If Je - sus the Sav - ior did

A — mmm — mmm —

T 8 go - in' home, oh, I'm a - go - in', go - in' home, oh,

B go - in' home, oh, I'm a - go - in' go - in' home, oh,

24

S come for to die for poor ord' - n'ry

A *cresc.* Oh —

T 8 I'm a - go in', go - in' home, oh, poor an' ord' - n'ry

B I'm a - go - in, go - in' home, oh, poor an' ord' - n'ry —

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S peo - ple like you and like I, I

A Oh Oh

T peo - ple like you and like I, I

B peo - ple like you and like I, I

30

S won - der as I wan - der out un - der the

A mmm

T won - der as I wan - der, un - der

B won - der as I wan - der, un - der

f *mp* *rit.* *f* *mp* *p* *f* *p*

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a tempo

33 *mp*

S sky. No more a poor way - far - in' stran - ger a - trav' - lin'

A No more a poor wa - far - in' stran - ger,

T sky. *p* Poor way - far - in' stran - ger trav' - lin'

B sky. *p* Poor way - far - in' stran - ger trav' - lin'

36 *cresc.* *mf*

S through this world of woe, and there's no sick - ness, toil or

A *p cresc.* through this world of, world of woe, *mp* there's no sick - ness,

T *cresc.* through this world of, world of woe, *mp* there's no sick - ness,

B *cresc.* through this world of, world of woe, *mp* there's no sick - ness,

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39 *cresc.*

S dan - ger can e - ver harm me where I go. I found Him

cresc.

A toil or dan - ger, none can harm me where I go, I found Him

cresc.

T 8 toil or dan - ger, none can harm me where I go, He's

cresc.

B toil or dan - ger, none can harm me where I go, He's

42 *f*

S there with - in the man - ger, my Ho - ly Sav - ior, God, and

mf

A there with - in the man - ger, my Ho - ly Sav - ior, God and

mf

T 8 there with - in the man - ger, yes, my Sav - ior, God and

mf

B there with in the man - ger, yes, my Sav - ior, God and

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meno mosso

45 *dim.* *mf* *mp*

S Friend. The jour-ney's long, but I am rea - dy, my Sa - vior's

A *dim.* *mp* *mp*

A Friend, my Friend. Oh, I am rea - dy for my Sav - ior's

T *dim.* *mp*

T Friend, my Friend. Oh, I am rea - dy for my Sav - ior's

B *dim.* *mp*

B Friend, Oh, I am rea - dy for my Sav - ior's

48 *rit.*

S with me through the end.

A with me through the end, through the end.

T with me through the end.

B with me through the end.

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