

## Carter Family Songs

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### AMBER TRESSES

Far away in sunny mountains  
Where the merry sunbeams play  
There I wander through the clover  
Singing to a village maid

She was dearer than the dearest  
Ever loving kind and true  
And she wore beneath her bonnet  
Amber tresses tied with blue

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Fate decreed that we be parted  
Ere the leaves of autumn fell  
When two hearts are separated  
That had loved each other well

She was all I had to cherish  
Ever loving kind and true  
Now I see in every vision  
Amber tresses tied with blue

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

She was dearer than the dearest  
Ever loving kind and true  
And she wore beneath her bonnet  
Amber tresses tied with blue

### ANCHORED IN LOVE

I've found a sweet haven of sunshine at  
last  
And Jesus abiding above  
His dear arms around me are lovingly  
cast  
And sweetly he tells his love

-- chorus --

The tempest is o'er (The dangerous  
tempest forever is o'er)  
I'm safe ever more (My anchor is holding,  
I'm safe evermore)  
What gladness, what rapture is mine  
(What gladness, what rapture is mine)  
The danger is past (The waters are  
peaceful, the danger is past)  
I'm anchored at last (My spirit is happy,  
I'm anchored at last)  
I'm anchored in love divine (I'm  
anchored in love divine)

He saw me endangered and lovingly  
came  
To pilot my stormy doomed soul  
Sweet peace he has spoken and bless  
his sweet name  
The billows no longer roll

The tempest is o'er (The dangerous  
tempest forever is o'er)  
I'm safe evermore (My anchor is holding,  
I'm safe evermore)  
What gladness, what rapture is mine  
(What gladness, what rapture is mine)  
The danger is past (The waters are  
peaceful, the danger is past)  
I'm anchored at last (My spirit is happy,  
I'm anchored at last)  
I'm anchored in love divine (I'm  
anchored in love divine)

His love shall enfold me through life and  
in death  
Completely I'll trust to the end  
I'll praise him each hour and my last  
fleeting breath  
Shall sing of my soul's best friend

[CHORUS]

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### ANGEL BAND

My latest sun is sinking fast  
My race is nearly run  
My strongest trials now are past  
My triumph is begun

[CHORUS]

O come, angel band  
Come and around me stand  
O bear me away on your snowy wings  
To my immortal home  
O bear me away on your snowy wings  
To my immortal home

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

O bear my longing heart to him  
Who bled and died for me  
Where blood now cleanses from all sin  
And gives me victory

[CHORUS]

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I've almost gained my heavenly home  
My spirit loudly sings  
The Holy one before me comes  
I hear the noise of wings

[CHORUS]

### ANSWER TO WEEPING WILLOW

My love is dead and buried yonder  
Beneath the weeping willow tree  
What wrecks my life and makes me  
wonder  
Is because he died for me

Then lay me down in death beside her  
For she's all this life to me  
That may join and e'er caress her  
In a land beyond the sea

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Yes, she died before I told her  
That I loved her true and kind  
And that I did not mean to fool her  
But she'd left me to repine

Then lay me down in death beside her  
For she's all this life to me  
That I may join and e'er caress her  
In a land beyond the sea

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

God, shall I ever get forgiveness  
For the deeds that I have done  
And meet up yonder her sweet  
charming  
For I know she bids me come

Then lay me down in death beside her  
For she's all this life to me  
That I may join and e'er caress her  
In a land beyond the sea

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### ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT

Are you lonesome tonight, do you miss me, I say  
Are you sorry we drifted apart  
Does your memory cling to that bright summer day  
When I kissed you and called you sweetheart

Like a rose on the vine I am clinging to you  
As I did when we drifted apart  
I am wishing you back to that little shack  
Where I kissed you and called you sweetheart

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Does the chair in your parlor seem empty and bare  
Do you miss me and wish I was there  
Is your heart filled with pain, shall I come back again  
Tell me, darling, are you lonesome tonight

Are you lonesome tonight, do you miss me, I say  
Are you sorry we drifted apart  
Does your memory cling to that bright summer day  
When I kissed you and called you sweetheart

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I have counted the days, I have counted the nights  
I've counted the months and the years  
I have counted on you since we've drifted apart  
Tell me, darling, are you lonesome tonight

Are you lonesome tonight, do you miss me, I say  
Are you sorry we drifted apart

Does your memory cling to that bright summer day  
When I kissed you and called you sweetheart

### ARE YOU TIRED OF ME, MY DARLING

Are you tired of me, my darling  
Did you mean those words you said  
That has made me yours forever  
Since the day that we were wed

Tell me, could you live life over  
Would you make it otherwise  
Are you tired of me, my darling  
Answer only with your eyes

Do you ever rue the springtime  
Since we first each other met  
Since we spoke in warm affection  
Words my heart can ne'er forget

Tell me, could you live life over  
Would you make it otherwise  
Are you tired of me, my darling  
Answer only with your eyes

Do you think the bloom departed  
From these cheeks you once thought fair  
Do you think I've grown cold-hearted  
With the passing of the years

Tell me, could you live life over  
Would you make it otherwise  
Are you tired of me, my darling  
Answer only with your eyes

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### AWAY OUT ON THE OLD SAINT SABBATH

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Away out on the old Saint Sabbath  
Lay down to take my rest  
My knapsack for my pillow  
And my gun across my chest

Please don't bury me on the lone prairie  
Please don't bury me on the lone prairie  
You can bury me in the east, you can  
bury me in the west  
Please don't bury me on the lone prairie

My father, he lies sleeping  
Beneath the deep blue sea  
I have no father, no mother  
There's none but Nell and me

Please don't bury me on the lone  
pa-rairie  
Please don't bury me on the lone prairie  
You can bury me in the east, you can  
bury me in the west  
Please don't bury me on the lone prairie

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My mother she lies sleeping  
Beneath the churchyard sod  
Her body lies there moldering  
And her spirit has gone to God

Please don't bury me on the lone  
pa-rairie  
Please don't bury me on the lone prairie  
You can bury me in the east, you can  
bury me in the west  
Please don't bury me on the lone prairie

### BEAR CREEK BLUES

Way up on Bear Creek, watching the  
sun go down

Way up on Bear Creek, watching sun go  
down

It makes me feel like I'm on my last go  
round.

The water on Bear Creek it tastes like  
cherry wine

The water on Bear Creek it tastes like  
cherry wine

You can take one drink, you're drinking it  
all the time.

If you stay on Bear Creek, you'll get like  
Jesse James

If you stay on Bear Creek, you'll get like  
Jesse James

You'll take two old pistols and hold up  
that Bear Creek Train.

I'm going high, high up on some  
lonesome hill

I'm going high, high up on some  
lonesome hill

Look down on Bear Creek where my  
good gal used to live.

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### BEAUTIFUL HOME

There's a beautiful home far over the sea  
There are mansions of bliss for you and for me  
Oh the beautiful home so wonderfully fair  
That savior for me has gone to prepare.

[CHORUS:]

There's a beautiful home (beautiful home)  
Far over the sea (far over the sea)  
There's a beautiful home (beautiful home)  
For you and me (for you and for me)  
Its glittering towers (glittering towers) ..... Towers, or Powers?  
The sun outshine (the sun outshine)  
That beautiful home (that beautiful home)  
Someday shall be mine.

In that beautiful home a crown I shall wear  
With the glorified throng their glories to share  
But the joys of that home can never be known  
Till the Savior we see upon his white throne.

[repeat chorus]

### BEAUTIFUL BROWN EYES

Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes  
Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes  
Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes  
I'll never love blue eyes again

Willie, my darling, I love you  
Love you with all of my heart  
We could have been married  
But liquor has kept us apart

Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes  
Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes  
Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes  
I'll never love blue eyes again

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### BEAUTIFUL ISLE O'ER THE SEA

I will not be your sweetheart  
I'll tell you the reason why  
My mama always told me  
To pass a drunkard by

-- Chorus --

Beautiful isle o'er the sea, o'er the sea  
Beautiful isle o'er the sea, o'er the sea  
Beautiful isle o'er the sea, o'er the sea  
There's someone waiting for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Some say there's pleasure in courting  
What pleasure is it to me  
For the boy I love so dearly  
Has turned his back on me

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Now, young man, I will tell you  
If you want my heart, my hand  
You'd better quit your drinking  
And be a sober man

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Go prove yourself, be faithful  
Go prove yourself, be true  
And sometime in the future  
Perhaps I'll marry you

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

### BEHIND THOSE STONE WALLS

Was in St. Louis City where I first saw  
the light

Brought up by honest parents in the  
pathway of right

I was left an orphan at the age of ten  
years

On mother's grave I've shed many tears

I'd scarcely reached manhood when I  
left my old home

With some other fellows through the  
west we did roam

Seeking employment though scarcely  
could find

We seemed so poor, and the people  
unkind

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Was in New York City where we first met  
our fate

We were arrested while roaming the  
street

The charges were burglary, the theft it  
was small

But they said it would place us behind  
the stone wall

We were marched next morning to the  
courthouse for trial

My pal was downhearted, though I gave  
him a smile

We pleaded for mercy but was shown  
none at all

They gave us twenty years behind the  
stone wall

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

We were handcuffed next morning and

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marched to the pen  
We arrived there at midnight with a few  
other men  
The doors were thrown open, we  
marched in the hall  
We'd learn to be a convict behind the  
stone wall

Were singing, were singing of  
you (my love)  
Were singing, were singing of  
you  
And all the birds, my darling  
Were singing, were singing of  
you

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

While lying at night on a pallet of straw  
I swore I would never again break the  
law  
There's none but your mother to bear  
your downfall  
When you are a convict behind the  
stone wall

I think of you in the daytime  
I dream of you by night  
I wake and wish you was here,  
love  
And tears are blinding my sight

The flowers that slumber so  
sweetly  
The stars are above the blue  
Oh, heaven itself, my darling  
Is thinking, is thinking of you  
Is thinking, is thinking of you (my  
love)  
Is thinking, is thinking of you  
Oh, heaven itself, my darling  
Is thinking, is thinking of you

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Come all you young fellows and listen to  
me  
When you lose at life's pleasure you've  
lost liberty  
I've tasted life's pleasure, it's bitterer  
than gall  
It'll lead to a cell behind the stone wall

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I opened my windows so gently  
Looked out on the dreaming dew  
And all the world, my darling  
Was sighing, was sighing for you

### THE BIRDS WERE SINGING OF YOU

Last night the pale moon was shining  
Last night when all was still  
I was wandering alone in sadness  
Out among the woodland hills

Was sighing, sighing for you (my love)  
Was sighing, sighing for you  
And all the world, my darling  
Was sighing, was sighing for you

I heard the birds a-singing  
Out among the trees and hills  
And all the birds, my darling      all the  
birds / every bird  
Were singing, were singing of you  
were / was

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### BLACK JACK DAVID

Black Jack David came riding through  
the woods

And he sang so loud and gaily  
Made the hills around him ring  
And he charmed the heart of a lady.  
And he charmed the heart of a lady

"How old are you my pretty little miss  
How old are you my honey?"  
She answered him with a silly little smile  
"I'll be sixteen next Sunday". (2x)

"Come go with me my pretty little miss  
Come go with me my honey  
I'll take you across the deep blue sea  
Where you never shall want for money."  
(2x)

She pulled off her high-heeled shoes  
They were made of Spanish leather  
She put on those low-heeled shoes  
And they both rode off together. (2x)

"Last night I lay on a warm feather bed  
Beside my husband and baby  
Tonight I lay on the cold, cold ground  
By the side of Black Jack David." (2x)

### BLACKIE'S GUNMAN

I was known as Blackie's Gunman  
The best of gunmen in the land  
I could shoot the ace of diamonds  
With a draw from either hand

With the dice I had no equal  
Some of them are with us now  
Most of them are sadly sleepin'  
'Neath the weeping willow bough

Many a cowboy's camp I played in  
Left that night with all their gold  
As a sport I was broken  
As a sport I let it go

I once loved a girl named Nellie  
How we loved no tough can tell  
But I know I'll never meet her  
Oh, 'twas hard to say farewell.

Her eyes were like the deep blue water  
And her hair was golden curls  
And her cheeks were crimson velvet  
And her teeth were snow white pearls

Together we lived in a cottage  
And our lives it was a dream  
And the angels they watched o're us  
Made our lives one happy dream.



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### BONNIE BLUE EYES

Goodbye, my little Bonnie blue eyes  
Goodbye, my little Bonnie blue eyes  
You've told me more lies than the stars  
in the skies  
Goodbye, my little Bonnie blue eyes

Oh, Bonnie, you've done me wrong  
Oh, Bonnie, you've done me wrong  
You've done me wrong and now I'm  
gone  
Oh, Bonnie, you've done me wrong

I saw my little Bonnie last night  
She looked so dear to me  
She's the only girl I ever loved  
She's now gone back on me

I stayed in the country too long  
I stayed in the country too long  
The only wrong that I have done  
I stayed in the country too long

Come and go with me to the train  
Come and go with me to the train  
Come and go with me and see me get  
on  
Goodbye, my little Bonnie, I'm gone

### BRING BACK MY BLUE-EYED BOY TO ME

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

'Tis true the rainbow has no end  
It's hard to find a faithful friend  
And when you find one just and true  
Change not the old one for the new

-- chorus --

Bring back my blue-eyed boy to me  
Bring back my blue-eyed boy to me  
Bring back my blue-eyed boy to me  
That I may ever happy be

Must I go bound and him go free  
Must I love a boy that don't love me  
Or must I act the childish part  
And love that boy that broke my heart

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Last night my lover promised me  
To take me across the deep blue sea  
And now he's gone and left me alone  
An orphan girl without a home

-- chorus --

Oh, dig my grave both wide and deep  
Place marble at my head and feet  
And on my breast a snow white dove  
To show to the world I died for love

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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### BRING BACK MY BOY

Out in the cold world and far away from  
home  
Somebody's boy is wandering alone  
No one to guide him and keep his  
footsteps right  
Somebody's boy is homeless tonight.

[CHORUS:]

Bring back my boy, my wandering boy  
Far, far away, wherever he may be  
Tell him his mother with faded cheeks  
and hair  
At their old home is waiting him there.

Out in the hallway there stands a vacant  
chair  
Yonder's the shoes my darling used to  
wear  
Empty the cradle, the one that's loved so  
well  
Oh how I miss him there's no tongue can  
tell.

[CHORUS]

Oh could I see him and fold him to my  
breast  
Gladly I'd close my eyes and be at rest  
  
There is no other that's left to give me  
joy  
Bring back my boy, my wandering boy.

[CHORUS]

### THE BROKEN DOWN TRAMP

I'm a broken down tramp without money  
My clothes are all tattered and torn  
And I am so sad and so lonely  
I wish I had never been born

All through this wide world I have  
wandered  
Inquiring for something to do  
But whenever I ask for a job of work  
They say they have none for a tramp

Now drink was the cause of my downfall  
And the money I had I've outrun  
And the friends that were mine when I  
had it  
Now pass by and call me a bum

Now don't be too hasty to judge me  
As I drift along with the tide  
My clothes may be ragged and dirty  
But a clean heart is beating inside

One night on a dark lonely railroad  
A hobo all hungry and cold  
Saw an empty boxcar on the siding  
He climbed in and closed up the door

Six months he had rode on the railway  
When the brakeman came 'round with  
his light  
He was shoved from the car and was  
killed by the train  
Because he was only a tramp

Now young men, let this be a warning  
For all you who long for the road  
Better stick to the straight life and don't  
be like me  
A poor bum to die in the cold

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### THE BROKEN HEARTED LOVER

Would you let her part us, darling  
Could you truly turn a-way  
Would it make your heart ache, darling  
Not to see me night or day

I've been dreaming of you, darling  
Dreaming of your eyes so blue  
Take me back, for love I'm dying  
For I love none else but you

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Many a day with you I've rambled  
Down by the shades of the deep blue  
sea  
There you told me that you loved me  
That you loved none else but me

I am dreaming of you, darling  
Dreaming of your eyes so blue  
Take me back, for love I'm dying  
For I love none else but you

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I will give you back your letters  
And your picture I love so well  
How it makes my heart ache, darling  
Oh, 'tis hard to say farewell

I been dreaming of you, darling  
Dreaming of your eyes so blue  
Take me back, for love I'm dying  
For I love none else but you

### BUDDIES IN THE SADDLE

One stormy day me and my buddy  
Started on a roundup ride  
The wind and dust blew hard around us  
My buddy strayed far from my side.

[CHORUS]

We were buddies in the saddle  
We were buddies in our home  
We were buddies herding cattle  
We were buddies everywhere we  
roamed.

I'll ne'er forget the day I found him  
He was so weak he could not speak  
I'll ne're forget the smile he gave me  
Then the poor boy fell asleep.

I took him up in my saddle  
And carried him home across the plain  
My mother nursed him every moment  
To try to make him well again.

[CHORUS]

I never had a pal so near me  
He took the blame for everything  
I'd die for him just any moment  
And for me he'd do the same.

But now my buddy's gone and left me  
And it's so hard to struggle on  
So hard to believe that he has left me  
I can't realize that he has gone.

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### BURY ME BENEATH THE WILLOW

My heart is sad and I'm in sorrow  
For the only one I love  
When will I see him, no, no, never  
Till I meet him in heaven above

Then bury me beneath the willow  
Beneath the weeping willow tree  
Where he may know where I am  
sleeping  
And perhaps he will weep for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He told me that he dearly loved me  
How could I believe him untrue  
Until an angel softly whispered  
He has proven untrue to you

Then bury me beneath the willow  
Beneath the weeping willow tree  
Where he may know where I am  
sleeping  
And perhaps he will weep for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Tomorrow was their wedding day  
But, alas, oh, where can he be  
He's gone, he's gone to wed another  
And he no longer cares for me

Then bury me beneath the willow  
Beneath the weeping willow tree  
Where he may know where I am  
sleeping  
And perhaps he will weep for me

### BURY ME UNDER THE WEEPING WILLOW (II)

My heart is sad and I'm in sorrow  
For the only one I love  
When shall I see him, oh, no, never  
Till I meet him in heaven above

-- chorus --

Oh, bury me under the weeping willow  
Yes, under the weeping willow tree  
So he may know where I am sleeping  
And perhaps he will weep for me

They told me that he did not love me  
I could not believe it was true  
Until an angel softly whispered  
He has proven untrue to you

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Tomorrow was our wedding day  
But, Lord, oh, where is he  
He's gone to seek him another bride  
And he cares no more for me

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, bury me under the violets blue  
To prove my love to him  
Tell him that I would die to save him  
For his love I never could win

-- chorus --

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### BY THE TOUCH OF HER HAND

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

There are days so dark that I seek in  
vain

For the face of my own true love  
But the darkness hides, she is there to  
guide  
By the light of the moon above

Oh the lonesome pine, oh the lonsome  
pine

Where I met that sweetheart of mine  
With her hand in mine, and our hearts  
entwined  
As we stroll through the lonesome pine

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Bright stars above, two sweethearts in  
love  
As we sing to the cooing doves  
She has brought me back to that  
mountain shack  
By the touch of her hand in love

Oh the lonesome pine, oh the lonsome  
pine

Where I met that sweetheart of mine  
With her hand in mine, and our hearts  
entwined  
As we stroll through the lonesome pine

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

### THE CANNONBALL

Oh, listen to the train  
Coming down the line  
Trying to make up for all of her lost time  
From Buffalo to Washington

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You can wash my jumper  
Starch my overalls  
Catch a train they call the Cannonball  
From Buffalo to Washington

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Yonder comes a train  
Comin' down the track  
To carry me away, but it ain't gonna  
carry me back  
My honey babe, my blue-eyed babe

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My baby's left me,  
She even took my shoes  
Enough to give me the doggone weary  
blues  
She's gone, she's solid gone

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I'm going up north  
I'm going up north this fall  
If my luck don't change I won't be back  
at all  
My honey babe, I'm leaving you  
[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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### CAN THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

I was standing by my window  
On one cold and cloudy day  
And I saw the hearse come rolling  
For to carry my mother away

-- chorus --

Can the circle be unbroken  
Bye and bye, Lord, bye and bye  
There's a better home a-waiting  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

Oh, I told the undertaker  
Undertaker, please drive slow  
For this body you are hauling  
How I hate to see her go

-- chorus --

Lord, I followed close beside her  
Tried to hold up and be brave  
But I could not hide my sorrow  
When they laid her in the grave

-- chorus --

Went back home Lord, My home was  
lonely

Since my mother she had gone  
All my brothers, sisters crying  
What a home so sad and lone

-- chorus --

Can the circle be unbroken  
Bye and bye, Lord, bye and bye  
There's a better home a-waiting  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

### CAN'T FEEL AT HOME IN THIS WORLD ANYMORE

This world is not myhome, I'm just  
passing through  
My treasures and my hopes are all  
beyond the blue

Where many many friends and kindred  
have gone on before

And I can't feel at home in this world  
anymore

Over in Glory land, there is no dying  
there

The saints are shouting victory and  
singing everywhere

I hear the voice of them that I have  
heard before

And I can't feel at home in this world  
anymore

Oh, lord, you know I have no  
friend like you

If heaven's not my home, oh, lord,  
what would I do

Angels beckon me to heaven's  
open door

And I can't feel at home in this  
world anymore....

Heaven's expecting me, that's one thing  
I know

I fixed it up with Jesus a long time ago  
He will take me through though I am  
weak and poor

And I can't feel at home in this world  
anymore

Oh, I have a loving mother over in Glory

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land

I don't expect to stop until I shake her  
hand

She's gone on before, just waiting at  
heaven's door

And I can't feel at home in this world  
anymore

Oh, lord, you know I have no friend  
like you

If heaven's not my home, oh, lord,  
what would I do

Angels beckon me to heaven's open  
door

And I can't feel at home in this world  
anymore

Yodel-ay-ee, oh-lay-ee, ay-oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

There is a flower, I've heard them say

That can be seen from day to day

And if that flower I only could find

To cure this aching heart of mine

Yodel-ay-ee, oh-lay-ee, ay-oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

So fare you well, my charming little love

Oh, meet me in that land above

And when we meet there in that land

We'll take no more this parting hand

Yodel-ay-ee, oh-lay-ee, ay-oh-lay-ee

### CARTERS' BLUES (CARTER'S BLUES)

As I woke up one morning fair  
To view the fields and take the air  
For to view the fields and the meadows  
around

I thought I heard some mournful sound

I thought I heard my true love say

"Oh, do turn and come this way"

Yodel-ay-ee, oh-lay-ee, ay-oh-lay-ee

You love some other, you don't love me

You care not for my company

You love some other, and I know why

Because he has more gold than I

But gold will melt and silver will fly

My love for you will never die

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### CHARLIE AND NELLIE

Dear Nellie, since I left the city  
I find I've changed my mind  
I hope you won't think me untruthful  
Or do me the least unkind

I think we're both mistaken  
I know you'll never suit me  
I owe my heart to another  
Of course, kind friends will agree

Please send me my ring and picture  
Also my letters and books  
I close with many kind wishes  
Respectfully yours, Charlie Brooks

I heard all about it, dear Charlie  
I knew it would end this way  
I hope you will always live happy  
With your loving little wife, Miss Gray

Here is your ring, dear Charlie  
Don't give it to her, I pray  
Unless you tell her 'twas once mine  
I bore it one year today

### CHARMING BEAUTY BRIGHT

Once I courted a fair beauty bright,  
And on her I placed my whole heart's  
delight;  
I courted her for love, and her love I  
did obtain  
Do you think I've any reason of love to  
complain?

But when her old father came this for

to know  
That me and his daughter together  
would go,  
They locked her up and kept her so  
severe  
That I never got sight but once more of  
Molly, my dear.

And then I was forced to her father's to  
go  
To see whether my true love had  
forgot me, yes or no,  
She made me this reply with the tears  
all in her eyes  
I never will forget you until the day I  
die.

Although they keep me so tightly  
confined  
But that is no reason I shall alter my  
mind,  
I might have had a man and a man of  
high degree  
But I always will prove kind to the man  
that loves me.

Then I was forced to the army to go  
To see whether I could forget my love  
or no;  
But when I got in sight with mt armour  
shining bright  
It made me think of Molly, my heart's  
delight.

Then seven long years I served one  
old king  
At the end of seven years I returned  
home again.  
With my heart so ful of grief and my



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eyes so full of tears  
Oh how happy I'd a-been to got sight  
of my dear.

[CHORUS AND INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

O then I was forced to her father's to  
go  
To see whether my true love had  
remained, yes or no

Mama don't 'low me to whistle  
Papa don't 'low me to sing  
They don't want me to marry  
I'll marry just the same

The old woman saw me come, she  
wrung her hands and cried  
Said," Sir, my daughter loved you, and  
for your sake she died."

[CHORUS AND INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

O then I was struck like a man that  
was slain

I wouldn't have a lawyer  
I'll tell you the reason why  
Every time he opens his mouth  
He tells a great big lie

The tears from my eyes fell like  
showers of rain,

[CHORUS AND INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My grief, my grief, it is more than I can  
bear

I wouldn't have a doctor  
I'll tell you the reason why  
He rides all over the country  
Makes the people die

My true love is in her grave and I wish  
I was there.

[CHORUS AND INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

### CHEWING GUM

Mama sent me to the spring  
She told me not to stay  
I fell in love with a pretty little girl  
Could not get away

I wouldn't have a farmer  
I'll tell you the reason why  
Because he has so plenty to eat  
Specially pumpkin pie

[CHORUS AND INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Chawin' chewin' gum, chewin'  
chawin' gum  
Chawin' chewin' gum, chewin' chawin'  
gum

I took my girl to church last night  
How do you reckon she done  
She walked right up to the preacher's  
face  
And chewed her chewing gum

First she give me peaches  
Then she give me pears  
Then she give me fifty cents  
Kissed me on the stairs

[CHORUS AND INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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### CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

There's a church in the valley in the  
wildwood  
No lovelier place in the dell  
No spot is so dear to my childhood  
As the little brown church in the dell

-- chorus --

[bass] Oh, come, come, come, come  
[all] Come to the church in the  
wildwood  
Oh, come to the church in the dell  
No spot is so dear to my childhood  
As the little brown church in the dell

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

How sweet on a clear sabbath morning  
To listen to the clear ringing bells  
Its gongs so sweetly are calling  
Oh, come to the church in the dell

-- chorus --

There, close by the side of the loved one  
'Neath the tree where the wildflowers  
bloom  
She sleeps, sweet love sleeps 'neath the  
willow  
Disturb not her rest in the tomb

-- chorus --      x 2

### CLIMBING ZION'S HILL

Oh, the heaven bells are ringing and I'm  
a-going home  
I'm a-going home, yes, I'm a-going home  
Oh, the heaven bells are ringing and I'm  
a-going home  
Climbing up Zion's hill

I'm climbing, I'm climbing  
Climbing up Zion's hill  
I'm climbing, I'm climbing  
Climbing up Zion's hill

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

If you don't, my mother, you'll be too late  
You'll be too late, you'll be too late  
If you don't, my mother, you'll be too late  
Climbing up Zion's hill

I'm climbing, I'm climbing  
Climbing up Zion's hill  
I'm climbing, I'm climbing  
Climbing up Zion's hill

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

If you don't, my father, you'll be too late  
You'll be too late, you'll be too late  
If you don't, my father, you'll be too late  
Climbing up Zion's hill

I'm climbing, I'm climbing  
Climbing up Zion's hill  
I'm climbing, I'm climbing  
Climbing up Zion's hill

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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### COAL MINER'S BLUES

Some blues are just blues  
Mine are the miner's blues  
Some blues are just blues  
Mine are the miner's blues  
My troubles are coming  
By threes and by twos

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Blues and more blues  
It's a coal black blues  
Blues and more blues  
It's a coal black blues  
Got coal in my hair  
Got coal in my shoes

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

These blues are soul blue  
They are the coal black blues  
These blues are soul blue  
They are the coal black blues  
For my place will cave in  
And my life I will lose

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You say they are blues  
These old miner's blues  
You say they are blues  
These old miner's blues  
Now I must have sharpened  
These picks that I use

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I'm out with these blues  
Dirty coal black blues  
I'm out with these blues  
Dirty coal black blues  
We'll lay off tomorrow  
With the coal miner's blues

### COLUMBUS      STOCKADE BLUES

Intro: start strumming in

verse 1:

Way down, in Columbus Georg - ia  
Wan-na be back to Tennessee  
Way down, in Columbus Stock-ade I  
friends have turned their backs on me

Chorus

go and leave me if you want to  
Nev-er let me cross your mind  
in your heart, you love a-noth-er  
Leave, lit-tle dar-lin, I don't mind

verse 2:

(G) Last night, as I lay sleep-ing  
I(D) dream-ed I held you in my(G) arms.  
(G) When I a-woke, I was mis-tak-en,  
I was(D) peekin' through the (D)bars.

Chorus....end

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### COME BACK TO ME

Come back to me in my dreaming  
Come back to me once more  
Come with the love light gleaming  
As in the days of yore

And tell me that you still love me  
And that your heart is still true  
When the spring roses are blooming  
Then I'll come back to you

Somewhere a heart is breaking  
Calling me back to you  
Memories of loved ones awaiting  
Each happy home and you

Absence makes my heart fonder  
Is it the same with you  
Are you still happy, I wonder  
Or do you feel lonesome, too

When the sun is sinking  
In the golden west  
And the birds and flowers  
They have gone to rest

Come tell me that you still love me  
And that your heart is still true  
When the roses are blooming  
Then I'll come back to you

### COWBOY JACK

He was just a lonely cowboy  
With a heart so brave and true  
He learned to love a maiden  
With eyes of heaven's own blue

They learned to love each other  
And named their wedding day  
When a quarrel came between them  
And Jack, he rode away

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He joined a band of cowboys  
And tried to forget her name  
But out on the lonely pa-rairie  
She waits for him the same

One night when work was finished  
Just at the close of day  
Someone said, sing a song, Jack  
We'll drive those cares away

When Jack began his singing  
His mind did wander back  
For he sang of a maiden  
Who waited for her Jack

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When he reached the prairie, he found a  
new-made mound  
His friends they sadly told him, they laid  
his loved one down

They said as she was dying, she  
breathed her sweetheart's name  
And asked them with her last breath, to  
tell him when he came

Your sweetheart waits for you, Jack  
Your sweetheart waits for you  
Out on the lonely pa-rairie  
Where the skies are always blue

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### COWBOY'S WILD SONG TO HIS HERD

One beautiful night when the moon was full  
And the air was crisp and clear  
A cowboy lay on the starlit plain  
And thought of his home so dear

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He thought of his mother he loved so well  
And the slumber of sleep was buried  
Not a sound to be heard but those of the night  
As he sang a wild song to his herd

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The cattle are lying so quiet and still  
On the carpet that mantles the west  
While the golden links from the sky at night  
Brings peace to the cowboy's breast

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Still he thinks of his mother in a faraway land  
And his thoughts by memory was stirred  
And he sees himself to the old home again  
As he sings a wild song to his herd

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He's far from the din of the city noise  
Where the links of folly do shine  
He's far from the brawls of the dives of sin  
And the flow of the sparkling wine

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He's in the great west with its mantle of green  
Where his neighbors say never a word  
A land of mirages, mountains and plains  
Where the cowboy sings low to his herd

### THE CUBAN SOLDIER

Far away in a Spanish dungeon  
A Cuban soldier lay  
Slowly dying from the torture  
Inflicted day by day  
He begged to send a message  
But his kindness was denied  
So he called his comrades to him  
And told his story 'ere he died

When Cuba gains her freedom  
And the Spaniards cease to reign  
There's a loved one on that island  
I will never see again  
Oh, find her for me, comrades  
And tell her you were by my side  
And I bid you take this message  
To a soldier's promised bride

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

'Tis the same old story, comrades  
Love weeps when duty is done  
When Cuba was struggling for her freedom  
I was ordered to my gun  
Though I'm a captain dying  
The struggle will soon be o'er  
Tell her I said to meet me  
Where the soldiers fight no more

When Cuba gains her freedom  
And the Spaniards cease to reign  
There's a loved one on that island  
I will never see again  
Oh, find her for me, comrades  
And tell her you were by my side  
And I bid you take this message  
To a soldier's promised bride

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### THE CURTAINS OF NIGHT

When the curtains of night are pinned  
back with a star  
And the beautiful moon climbs the sky  
And the dewdrops of heaven are kissing  
the rose  
It is then that my memory flies

As upon the wings of some beautiful  
dove  
In haste with the message it bears  
To bring a kiss of affection and say  
I'll remember you, love, in my prayers

-- chorus -- Go wherever you will,  
over land, over sea

I will share all your sorrows and  
cares

And at night when I kneel by my  
bedside to pray

I'll remember you, love, in my  
prayers

I have loved you too fondly to ever forget  
The words you have spoken to me  
With a kiss of affection still warm on my  
lips  
When you told me how true you would  
be

-- chorus --

As the heavenly angels are guarding the  
good  
As God has ordained them to do  
In answer to prayers I have offered for  
you

I know there is one watching you

-- chorus --

And may its bright spirit go with you  
through life  
To guide you up heaven's bright stairs  
To meet with the one who has loved you  
so true  
And remembered to love in her prayers

### THE CYCLONE OF RYE COVE

Oh, listen today and a story I'll tell  
In sadness and tear-dimmed eyes  
Of a dreadful cyclone that came this way  
And blew our schoolhouse away

-- chorus --

Rye Cove (Rye Cove) Rye Cove  
(Rye Cove)

The place of my childhood and  
home

Where in life's early morn I once  
loved to roam

But now it's so silent and lone

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When the cyclone appeared it darkened  
the air  
Yes, the lightning flashed over the sky  
The children all cried, don't take us away  
And spare us to go back home

-- chorus --

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There were mothers so dear and fathers  
the same  
That came to this horrible scene  
Searching and crying each found their  
own child  
Dying on a pillow of stone

-- chorus --

Oh, give us a home far beyond the blue  
sky  
Where storms and cyclones are  
unknown  
There by life's strand we'll clasp this glad  
hand  
With children in a heavenly home

-- chorus --

Dark and stormy weather  
It still inclines to rain  
The clouds hang over Center\*  
My love's gone away on a train

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You told me that you loved me  
I believed just what you said  
But now you love another  
I wish that I were dead

Dark and stormy weather  
It still inclines to rain  
The clouds hang over Center\*  
My love's gone away on a train

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\* - Center, Virginia

### DARK AND STORMY WEATHER

Dark and stormy weather  
It still inclines to rain  
The clouds hang over Center\*  
My love's gone away on a train

We met, loved, and parted  
I thought the world of you  
You left me broken hearted  
To me you proved untrue

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I'm leaving old Virginia  
There's nothing here for me  
I know you love another  
In my grave I'd rather be

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### DARK HAired TRUE LOVER

I once had a dark haired true lover  
She was all the world to me  
She promised herself to another  
Now don't you think it was me

I was young when I wrote my first letter  
I blotted the lines with tears  
But now I am old, I know better  
We've parted for many long years

-- chorus -- Take back every word you  
have spoken  
Let it be as though we've never met  
For tonight I'm a poor boy heartbroken  
I'll forgive but I'll never forget

Oh, Ruth, Oh, Ruth, how I love you  
You just seemed to me like a bird  
Although you went back on your  
promise  
Although you went back on your word

-- chorus --

We parted in the month of September  
Some say we parted for life  
But I hope some day or another  
I'll call you my sweet darling wife

-- chorus --

I wish I had someone to love me  
Someone to call me their own  
I'm out in this wide world a-wandering  
I'm tired of living alone

### DARLING DAISIES

When first I met my darling Daisy,  
Down by the garden wall  
I was walking along the street so shady  
I was going for a twilight call

I'd love to sing and dance among the  
roses

Down by the garden wall  
It's there I'd like to meet my Daisy  
When I make a twilight call

She was sleeping in a bed of roses  
Dreaming of the bye and bye  
While the little birds around were  
a-singing  
Up above the branches so high

I'd love to sing and dance among the  
roses  
Down by the garden wall  
It's there I'd like to meet my Daisy  
When I make a twilight call

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

If you want to see a bright-eyed beauty  
Bright as the stars that shine  
Just come and go with me some  
evening  
To see that pretty girl of mine

I'd love to sing and dance among  
the roses  
Down by the garden wall  
It's there I'd like to meet my Daisy  
When I make a twilight call



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### DARLING LITTLE JOE

What will the birds do, mother, in the spring  
The little brown birds around the door  
Will they fly from the trees and tap at my window  
Asking why Joe wanders out no more

What will the kitten do, mother, all alone  
Will it stop from its frolics for a day  
Will it lie on its rug by the side of my bed  
As it did before I went away

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Keep Tige, dearest mother, my poor little dog  
For I know that he'll mourn for me, too  
Keep him when old and useless he grows  
Sleeping all the long summer through

Show him my coat, mother, so he'll not forget  
Little master who will then be dead  
Speak to him kindly and often of Joe  
And pat him on his shaggy head

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

What will Thomas the old gardener say  
When you ask him for a flower for me  
Will he give you a rose he has tended with care  
The first, fairest bloom of the tree

And you, dearest mother, will miss me for a while  
Though in heaven I'll larger grow  
Any kind angel will tell you at the gate  
When you ask for your darling, Little Joe

### DARLING NELLIE ACROSS THE SEA

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, the night was dark and stormy  
When this message came to me  
It was from my darling Nellie  
Who is far across the sea

Oh, dear Jack, I know I'm dying  
I've no friends, no parents nigh  
But remember, dearest Jackie  
There's a home for us on high

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, dear mother, I must leave you  
I must go across the sea  
I must find my darling Nellie  
Who so dearly cared for me

I was wandering through the graveyard  
When I found where Nellie laid  
It was there my heart was broken  
It was there I knelt and prayed

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Now I'm left alone in sadness  
On the field of flowery Spain  
And the girl I love is sleeping  
In the cold and silent grave

Lay me where Nellie's sleeping  
Close beside her let me lie  
Where the blooming flowers are creeping  
There, oh, lay me when I die

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### DEAR COMPANION

I once did have a dear companion  
Indeed I thought his love my own  
Until a dark eyed girl betrayed me  
And then he cares no more for me

Just go and leave me if you wish to  
It will never trouble me  
For in your heart you love another  
And in my grave I'd rather be

Last night you were sweetly sleeping  
Dreaming in some sweet repose  
While I, a poor girl, broken hearted  
Listened to the wind that blows

When I see your babe a laughing  
It makes me think of your sweet face  
But when I see your babe a crying  
It makes me think of my disgrace

### DEATH IS ONLY A DREAM

Sadly we sing and with tremulous breath  
That we stand at the mystical stream  
Through the valley inside the dark river  
of death  
And yet it's no more than a dream

Only a dream, only a dream  
Of glory beyond the dark stream  
How peaceful the slumber, how  
happy the waking  
For death is only a dream

Prepare me, my savior, prepare me, I  
pray  
To cross o'er this terrible dark stream  
O lead me and guide me and be near  
my side  
It'll be nothing more than a dream

Only a dream, only a dream  
Of glory beyond the dark stream  
How peaceful the slumber, how  
happy the waking  
For death is only a dream

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### DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

While walking out one evening  
Not knowing where to go  
Just to pass the time away  
Before we held our show  
I heard the Bethel Nation stand  
Singing with all their might  
I give my heart to Jesus  
And left the show that night

-- chorus --

The day will soon be over and  
digging will be done  
And no more gems be gathered, so  
let us all press on  
When Jesus comes to claim us and  
says it is enough  
The diamonds will be shining, no  
longer in the rough

One day, my precious comrade  
You, too, were lost in sin  
And others sought your rescue  
And Jesus took you in  
And when you're tired and tempted  
And scoffers can rebuff  
Don't turn away in anger  
This diamond in the rough

-- chorus --

While reading through the Bible  
Some wondrous sights I see  
I read of Peter, James, and John  
On the Sea of Galilee  
And Jesus when he found them  
He bound them very tough

And they were precious diamonds  
He gathered in the rough  
-- chorus --

### A DISTANT LAND TO ROAM

I remember very well  
On one dark and dreary day  
Just as I was leaving home  
For a distant land to roam

-- chorus --

Mother said (mother said)  
My dear boy (my dear boy)  
I hope to see you next year again  
Fare you well (fare you well)  
Fare you well (fare you well)  
So I left my dear old home  
For a distant land to roam

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Now I've wandered far away  
From my home I've gone astray  
Now I'm coming, coming home  
Never more from thee to roam

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

And these words she said to me  
As she took me by the hand  
If on earth we meet no more  
May we meet at God's right hand

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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### DIXIE DARLING

Way down below the Mason-Dixon line  
There's where the honeysuckle are  
entwined  
There's where the southern winds are  
blowin'  
There's where the daisies' growin'  
Girls up north in their gay finery  
Whirling around in their soft satee  
Singing the song of my dixie darling  
Where I long to be

-- chorus --

My dixie darlin'  
Listen to the song I sing  
Beneath the silv'ry moon  
With my banjo right in tune  
My heart's forever true  
I love no one but you  
My dixie darling  
My dixie queen

Goin' down south, gonna have a good  
time  
See my girl down in old Caroline  
Drink my booze and do as I please  
For all the girls I long to squeeze  
Singing the song of my dixie darling  
That's where I Long to be going  
That's where the jellyroll's rolling  
With my dixie queen

My dixie darlin'  
Listen to the song I sing  
Beneath the silv'ry moon  
With my banjo right in tune  
My heart's forever true  
I love no one but you  
My dixie darling  
My dixie queen

### DON'T FORGET ME, LITTLE DARLING

Don't forget me, little darling  
When from me you're far away  
But remember, little darling  
We will meet again someday

Darling, I have come to tell you  
Though this message breaks my heart  
At the dawning of the morning  
We'll be many miles apart  
[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Take this little bunch of roses  
That you gave me long ago  
Many a time I've kissed them, darling  
These I'll never kiss no more

Who is going to love you, darling  
Who will fold you to their breast  
Who will talk the future over  
While I roam the desert west

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]  
You may meet with many changes  
Driving down life's river stream  
But remember, little darling  
You are always in my dream

You may meet with brighter faces  
Some may say that I'm not true  
But remember, little darling  
None can love you as I do

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]  
At my window sad and lonely  
Often do I think of you  
And I wonder, oh I wonder  
If you ever think of me

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### DON'T FORGET THIS SONG

My home's in old Virginia  
Among the lovely hills  
The memory of my birthplace  
Lies in my bosom still

I did not like my fireside  
I did not like my home  
I have a mind for rambling  
So far away from home

It was on one moonlight evening  
The stars were shining bright  
And with an ugly dagger  
I made the spirits fly

To friends I bid adieu  
To parents I bid farewell  
I landed in Chicago  
In the very midst of hell

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

While I was in the sober it struck me  
As plain as you can see  
I'm doomed, I'm ruined forever  
Throughout eternity

I courted a fair young lady  
Her name I will not tell  
Oh, why should I disgrace her  
When I am doomed for hell

But now I'm upon my scaffold  
My time's not very long  
You may forget the singer  
But don't forget this song

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

### THE DYING MOTHER

On a cold winters eve as the snow  
flakes were falling  
In a low humble cottage an poor mother  
lay  
And although wrecked with pain she lay  
there contented  
With her savior her friend and peace  
with Him made

We will all meet again on that great  
judgment morning  
The book will be opened the roll will be  
called  
Oh how sad it will be if forever were  
parted  
While some rise to glory and others  
stand to fall

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh that mother of yours has gone oe'r  
the river  
And you promised you'd meet her while  
knelt by her bed  
As the death sweat rolled off and fell  
down on her pillow  
Over memories she'll live although she  
is dead

You remember the kiss and the last  
words she uttered  
Oh the arms that embraced you are with  
you no more  
As we stand by the grave tears drops fall  
on her passage  
And we vow there to meet her on that  
happy shore

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### THE DYING SOLDIER

France's sun was slowly sinking o'er the  
hilltops far away  
The land was in its beauty where the  
dying soldier lay  
Tears were streaming down his face as  
he slowly raised his head  
And these were the dying words he said

Oh, carry me back to old Tennessee  
Let this be my last repose  
Lay my feet beneath the lilacs  
Lay my head beneath the rose

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Take this message to my mother for I  
know she's old and gray  
At home I know she's waiting, looking for  
her boy some day  
Oh, dear mother, I pulled through for my  
country and for you  
And I'm dying for the red, white, and  
blue

Oh, carry me back to old Tennessee  
Let this be my last repose  
Lay my feet beneath the lilacs  
Lay my head beneath the rose

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

O'er the hills of Tennessee where the  
wild winds wander free  
The little girl waiting there for me  
Tell her that the rose she gave me will be  
placed upon my grave  
In memory of her soldier brave

Oh, carry me back to old Tennessee  
Let this be my last repose  
Lay my feet beneath the lilacs  
Lay my head beneath the rose

### EAST VIRGINIA BLUES #1

I was born in East Virginia  
To North Carolina I did go  
There I spied a fair young lady  
And her age I did not know

Her hair was dark in color  
Her cheeks were rosy red  
Upon her breast she wore white lilies  
Where I longed to lay my head

Oh, at my heart you are my darlin'  
At my door you're welcome in  
At my gate I'll always meet you  
For you're the girl I tried to win

I'd rather be in some dark holler  
Where the sun refuse to shine  
Than for you to be another man's darlin'  
And to know you'll never be mine

### EAST VIRGINIA BLUES #2

My sweetheart has gone and left me  
And my little sisters, too  
And I'm left alone in sadness  
Lord, I don't know what to do

All this world has turned against me  
Nothing but trouble do I see  
There will be no more pleasure  
In this whole wide world for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, I am just from East Virginia  
With a heart so brave and true  
And I learned to love a maiden  
With eyes of heavenly blue

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That same day I packed my suitcase  
And I started to go away  
But she met me at the station  
Saying, darling, won't you stay

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, I am dying, Captain, dying  
Won't you take these words for me  
Take them over to the jailhouse  
Let this whole wide world go free

### ENGINE 143

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Along came the FFV, the swiftest on the line  
Running o'er the C&O road just 20 minutes behind  
Running into Seville headquarters on the line  
Receiving their strict orders from the station just behind

Running into Hampton, the engineer was there  
George Allen was his name, with curling golden hair  
His fireman, Jack Dixon, was standing by his side  
Awaiting for strict orders while in the cab to ride

Georgie's mother came to him with a bucket on her arm  
Saying, my darling son, be careful how you run  
For many a man has lost his life in trying to make lost time

And if you run your engine right you'll get there just on time

Mother, I know your advice is good and later I'll take heed

I think my engine is all right, I'm sure that she will speed

O'er this road I need to go at the rate of a cannonball

And when I blow for the stockyard gate I'm sure they'll hear my call

Up the road she darted, against the rocks she crashed

Upside-down the engine turned, poor Georgie's breast it smashed

His head was against the firebox door, the flames were rolling high

I'm glad I was born for an engineer, on the C&O road to die

The doctor said to Georgie, my darling boy, be still

Your life may yet be saved if it is God's blessed will

Oh, no, said Georgie, that will not do, I want to die so free

I want to die for the engine I love, one hundred and forty-three

The doctor said to Georgie, your life cannot be saved

Murdered upon the railroad and laid in a lonesome grave

His face was covered up with blood, his eyes you could not see

And the very last words poor Georgie said was nearer, my God, to Thee

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### THE EVENING BELLS ARE RINGING

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Moonlight shining over Dixie  
To my heart will ever bring  
Dreams of snowy fields of cotton  
Everywhere the darkies sing

In the evening by the moonlight  
In dear old Tennessee  
And the evening bells were ringing  
Across the hills so tenderly

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Moonlight makes me sigh for you, dear  
Makes me long to hold your hand  
I know I'm missing hugs and kisses  
Far away from Dixieland

In the evening by the moonlight  
In dear old Tennessee  
And the evening bells were ringing  
Across the hills so tenderly

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My darling, come, for I am waiting  
Come, let me hold you very near  
We'll build a bower among the flowers  
Down in Dixieland

In the evening by the moonlight  
In dear old Tennessee  
And the evening bells were ringing  
Across the hills so tenderly

### FADED COAT OF BLUE

My brave boy sleeps in his faded coat of blue

In a lonely grave unknown lies the heart  
that beat so true.

He sank faint and hungry among the  
Spanish brave

And they laid him sad and lonely in a  
nameless grave.

CHORUS: No more the bugle calls the  
weary one.

Rest, noble spirit in their graves  
unknown

For we'll find you and know you among  
the good and true

Where a robe of white is given for a  
faded coat of blue.

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He cried "Give me water and just a little  
crumb

And my mother she will bless you  
through all the years to come

And tell my sweet sister, so gentle, good  
and true.

That I'll meet her up in heaven in my  
faded coat of blue".

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

No dear one was nigh him to close his  
mild blue eyes

No gentle voice was by him to give him  
sweet replies

No stone marks the lonely sod of my lad



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so brave and true

In a lowly grave he's sleeping in his  
faded coat of blue

### FADED FLOWERS

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The flowers I saw in the wildwood  
Have since dropped their beautiful  
leaves  
And the many dear friends of my  
childhood  
Have slumbered for years in their graves  
But the bloom of the flowers I remember  
Though their smiles I may nevermore  
see  
For the cold, chilly winds of December  
Stole my flowers' companions from me

'Tis no wonder that I'm brokenhearted  
And stricken with sorrows should be  
For we have met, we have loved, we  
have parted  
My flowers' companions and me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

How dark looks this world and how  
dreary  
When we part from the ones that we  
love  
There is rest for the faint and the weary  
And friends meet with loved ones above  
For in heaven I can but remember  
When from earth my soul shall be freed  
That no cold, chilly winds of December  
Shall steal my companions from me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

'Tis no wonder that I'm brokenhearted  
And stricken with sorrows should be  
For we have met, we have loved, we  
have parted  
My flowers' companions and me

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### Far Side Banks Of Jordan

I'll Admit My Steps Are Growing Wearier  
Each Day  
Still I've Got A Certain Journey On My  
Mind  
Lures Of This Old World Have Ceased  
To Make Me Want To Stay  
My One Regret Is Leaving You Behind

If It Proves To Be His Will That I Am First  
To Cross  
And Somehow I've A Feeling It Will Be  
When It Comes Your Turn To Travel  
Likewise Don't Feel Lost  
For I Will Be The First One That You'll  
See

Chorus:

And I'll Be Waiting On The Far Side  
Banks Of Jordan  
I'll Be Sitting Drawing Pictures In The  
Sand  
And When I See You Coming I Will Rise  
Up With A Shout  
And Come Running Through The  
Shallow Water Reaching For Your Hand

Lead Break:

Through This Life We've Laboured Long  
To Earn Our Meagre Fare  
It's Brought Us Trembling Hands And  
Failing Eyes  
So I'll Just Rest There On That Shore  
And Turn My Eyes Away  
Until You Come Then We'll See  
Paradise

Repeat Chorus x 2

### FAREWELL, NELLIE

Farewell, Nellie, farewell, darling  
Soon with strangers I must roam  
Don't forget the one that loves you  
Far away from friends and home

-- chorus --

Fly across the ocean, birdie  
Fly across the deep, blue sea  
Take this message to my darling  
She'll be glad to hear from me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You have told me that you love me  
But you have unproved true  
So I'll go and court some other  
That will love more than you

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When the whippoorwills are singing  
Across the dark and lonely sea  
When you're thinking of 10,000  
Will you sometimes think of me

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

How my heart is filled with sorrow  
And my eyes are filled with tears  
So I'll not forget you, darling  
If I live 10,000 years

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### THE FATE OF DEWEY LEE

'Twas on one Saturday evening about  
the hour of ten

In a little mining town where trouble did  
begin

Everybody there were drinking, there  
were whisky everywhere

Dewey Lee got to thinking he had no  
business there

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He was so tall and handsome, his heart  
so true and brave

Joe Jenkins pulled his pistol and sent  
him to his grave

He took the life of Dewey when life had  
just begin

And Dewey went to heaven while Joe  
went to the pen

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He took the life of Dewey because, he  
would not tell

We know he murdered Dewey, for here  
his pistol fell

His mother sits now weeping, she  
weeps and mourns all day

She prays to meet her boy in a better  
world some day

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

So hearken to my story and what I have  
to say

Get right with your maker, we'll meet him

again some day

But first to Stand up, boy, and listen to  
your crime

They sent him down to Richmond to  
serve out his time

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Young men, all take warning, for this you  
must have guilt

Don't take the life of anyone for life you  
cannot give

You may possess great riches like many  
beneath the sod

But money won't hire a lawyer when you  
stand before your God

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### FIFTY MILES OF ELBOW ROOM

Twelve hundred miles its length and  
breadth  
The foursquare city stands  
Its gemset walls of jasper shine  
Not made by human hands  
One hundred miles its gates are wide  
Abundant entrance there  
With fifty miles of elbow room  
On either side to spare

When the gates swing wide on the  
other side  
Just beyond the sunset sea  
There'll be room to spare as we  
enter there  
Room for you and room for me  
For the gates are wide on the other  
side  
Where the flowers ever bloom  
On the right hand, on the left hand  
Fifty miles of elbow room

Sometimes I'm cramped and crowded  
here  
And long for elbow room  
I want to reach for altitude  
Where the fairest flowers bloom  
It won't be long before I pass  
Into that city fair  
With fifty miles of elbow room  
On either side to spare

When the gates swing wide on the  
other side  
Just beyond the sunset sea  
There'll be room to spare as we

enter there  
Room for you and room for me  
For the gates are wide on the other  
side  
Where the flowers ever bloom  
On the right hand, on the left hand  
Fifty miles of elbow room

### FOGGY MOUNTAIN TOP

If I was on some foggy mountain top  
I'd sail away to the west  
I'd sail around this whole wide world  
To the girl I love the best

If I had listened what mama says  
I would not have been here today  
A-lying around this old jail house  
A-weeping my sweet life away

Yeah, oh-lay-ee-oh, lee-oh-la-ee-ay  
Lee-oh-lay-ee, lay-ee, oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, if you see that girl of mine  
There's something you must tell her  
She need not be foolin' no time away  
To court some other feller

Oh, she's caused me to weep, she's  
caused me to mourn  
She caused me to leave my home  
For the lonesome pine and the good old  
times  
I'm on my way back home

Yeah, oh-lay-ee-oh, lee-oh-la-ee-ay

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Lee-oh-lay-ee, lay-ee, oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, when you go a-courtin'

I'll tell you how to do

Pull off that long-tailed roustabout

Put on your navy blue

Yeah, oh-lay-ee-oh, lee-oh-la-ee-ay

Lee-oh-lay-ee, lay-ee, oh-lay-ee,

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

### FOND AFFECTION

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Once I loved your fond affection

All my hopes on you was spent

Till a dark eyed girl persuaded

And you cared no more for me

-- chorus --

Go on and leave me if you wish to

Never let me cross your mind

In your heart you love another

Never on earth will call you mine

Yodel-ay-ee-oh, lay-ee-ay,

oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When I'm dead and in my coffin

And my pale face toward the sun

Will you come and sit beside me

And think of what you have done

-- chorus --

Yodel-ay-ee-oh, lay-ee-ay,

oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When I'm dead and in my coffin

And the shroud around me bound

Will you come and scatter roses

Upon your lover's mound

-- chorus --

Yodel-ay-ee-oh, lay-ee-ay,

oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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### FORSAKEN LOVE

They stood in the moonlight nearby the gate  
Goodbye, my darling, I know you'll wait  
She ceased weeping and smiled through tears  
Saying, I've been true, love, through these long years  
For on tomorrow at the break of day  
He was to journey far far away  
He held her closer, his promised bride  
And to her questions these words replied

-- chorus --

I've loved you always, yes, I've been true  
My heart shall never be, love, but for you  
Oh, darling, believe me, far over the sea  
Through life or death, still faithful I'll be

One year passed by, he's coming home  
His pilgrimage over, no longer to roam  
And smiling, he thinks of her shining eye  
Shining with welcome, a glad surprise  
A dainty letter he takes from his breast  
To which his extended lips were pressed  
And reading once more by the warming light  
The words he had spoken to her that night

-- chorus --

Once more he seeks the old garden gate  
But he arrives, alas, alas, it's too late  
The wedding is over, the knot is tied  
He finds his darling another's bride  
And later they found him there on the grass  
A pistol nearby, still holding fast  
A crop of letters that explained the deed  
And in the pale moonlight these words did read

-- chorus --

### FUNNY WHEN YOU FEEL THAT WAY

I can't forget how queer I felt  
Since first I fell in love  
I had a most sincere attack  
From squeezing a lady's glove  
Her lovely hand was in it  
As we waltzed around so gay  
I thought myself in paradise  
It's funny when you feel that way

It's funny when you feel that way  
It's funny when you feel that way  
I thought myself in paradise  
It's funny when you feel that way

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Again we met one afternoon, As we were all alone  
I plucked up nerve to ask, If she would someday be my own  
She blushed and said, we'll ask papa,  
And ask him if I may  
I danced a canter 'round the room

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It's funny when you feel that way  
It's funny when you feel that way  
It's funny when you feel that way  
I danced a canter 'round the room  
It's funny when you feel that way

### [INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The old boy said that we might wed, And  
so he crowned my bliss  
And I shall be a double man, In about a  
month from this  
It seemed to me somehow the time,  
Would never pass away  
I long to hear those wedding bells.

It's funny when you feel that way  
It's funny when you feel that way,  
It's funny when you feel that way  
I long to hear those wedding bells  
It's funny when you feel that way

### GATHERING FLOWERS FROM THE HILLSIDE

Chorus:  
I've been gathering flowers form the  
hillside  
To wreath around your brow  
But you've kept me waiting so long dear  
The flowers have all withered down

[guitar break]

I know that you have seen troubles  
But never hang down your head  
Your love for me is like a flower  
Your love for me is dead

[chorus]

It was on one bright June morning  
The roses were in bloom  
I shot and killed my darling  
And what will be my doom?

[chorus]

[guitar break]

Those eyes cannot see these roses  
Those hands cannot hold them you  
know  
And these lips that still cannot kiss me  
Have gone form me forevermore

[chorus]

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### GIRL ON THE GREENBRIAR SHORE

'Twas in the year of '92  
In the merry month of June  
I left my mother and a home so dear  
For the girl I loved on the greenbriar  
shore

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My mother dear, she came to me  
And said, "Oh, son, don't go  
Don't leave your mother and a home so  
dear  
To trust a girl on the greenbriar shore"

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

But I was young and reckless, too  
And I craved a reckless life  
I left my mother with a broken heart  
And I choosed that girl to be my wife

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Her hair was dark and curly, too  
And her loving eyes were blue  
Her cheeks were like the red red rose  
The girl I loved on the greenbriar shore

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The years rolled on and the months  
rolled by  
She left me all alone  
Now I remember what mother said  
"Never trust a girl on the greenbriar  
shore"

### GIVE HIM ONE MORE AS HE GOES

My sweetheart was a shy little miss  
And one I fondly adore  
And when you ask her for a kiss  
She'll give you just one and no more.

She'll give you just one and no more  
She'll give you just one and no more  
And when you ask her for a kiss  
She'll give you just one and no more

Her dad was a feeling old man  
He always had a feeling for me  
I can tell you when this feeling began  
When his daughter I first went to see.

I was bidding my sweetheart goodnight  
In the usual manner you know  
When a voice from the house said "Sic  
him touse,  
And give him one more as he goes!"

"And give him one more as he goes  
And give him one more as he goes  
When a voice from the house said "Sic  
him Towse,  
And give him one more as he goes!"

It was over the garden wall  
In a manner I'll tell you not slow  
He exclaimed with a swear as his foot  
smote the air  
"And I'll give him one more as he goes!"

"I'll give him one more as he goes  
I'll give him one more as he goes"  
He exclaimed with a swear as his foot  
smote the air,  
"I'll give him one more as he goes!"



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### GIVE ME THE ROSES WHILE I LIVE

Wonderful things of folks are said  
When they have passed away  
Roses adorn their narrow bed  
Over the sleeping clay

-- chorus --

Give me the roses while I live  
Trying to cheer me on  
Useless are flowers that you give  
After the soul is gone

Let us not wait to do good deeds  
Till they have passed away  
Now is the time to sow good seeds  
While here on earth we stay

-- chorus --

Kind words are useless when folks lie  
Cold in a narrow bed  
Don't wait till death to speak kind words  
Now should the words be said

-- chorus --

Give me the roses while I live  
Don't wait until I die  
To spread the roses over my grave  
To see as you pass it by

-- chorus --

### GIVE ME YOUR LOVE AND I'LL GIVE YOU MINE

Just at the close of a bright summer day  
Just as the twilight had faded away  
Soft on the breeze like the coo of a dove  
Someone was singing an old song of  
love

Tell me you love me and say you'll  
be true  
I love nobody in this world but you

Your heart and my heart in love will  
entwine  
Give me your love and I'll give you  
mine

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Come along with me to the quiet shady  
nook  
Where flowers bloom at the side of a  
brook  
Nature is sleeping, the birds are at rest  
I'll place a wild rose on your beautiful  
breast

Tell me you love me and say you'll  
be true  
I love nobody in this world but you  
Your heart and my heart in love will  
entwine  
Give me your love and I'll give you  
mine

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I've something to ask you while you're  
by my side  
A question of love, of groom and of bride  
And if you refuse me, my heart it will  
pine  
Give me your love and I'll give you mine

Tell me you love me and say you'll  
be true  
I love nobody in this world but you  
Your heart and my heart in love will  
entwine  
Give me your love and I'll give you  
mine

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### GLORY TO THE LAMB

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

On Monday I am happy, on Tuesday full  
of joy

Wednesday I've got the faith the Devil  
can't destroy

On Thursday and Friday, walking in the  
light

Saturday I've got the victory and  
Sunday's always bright

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I fell in love with Jesus and he fell in love  
with me

That's the very reason I've got the  
victory

I'm happy when it's raining, I'm happy  
when it shines

I'm happy now with Jesus, I'm happy all  
the time

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

Oh glory, oh glory, oh glory to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, I am saved and I'm so glad I  
am

### GOD GAVE NOAH THE RAINBOW SIGN

I've got a home in that rock  
Don't you see (don't you see)

I've got a home in that rock  
Don't you see

I've got a home in that rock

Just beyond the mountain top

Tide me over, Rock of Ages, cleft for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

God gave Noah the rainbow sign

Don't you see (don't you see)

God gave Noah the rainbow sign

Don't you see

God gave Noah the rainbow sign

No more water, but the fire next time

Tide me over, Rock of Ages, cleft for me

Old Lazarus, poor as I

Don't you see (don't you see)

Old Lazarus, poor as I

Don't you see

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Old Lazarus, poor as I  
When he died he had a home on high  
Tide me over, Rock of Ages, cleft for me

East and West the fire will roll, Hide thou  
me (hide thou me)

East and West the fire will roll, Hide thou  
me

East and West the fire will roll, How will it  
be with my poor soul

Tide me over, Rock of Ages, cleft for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When this world's all on fire

Hide thou me (hide thou me)

When this world's all on fire

Hide thou me

When this world's all on fire

Let thy bosom be my pillow

Tide me over, Rock of Ages, cleft for me

### GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN

Darling, how can I stay here without you  
I have nothing to cheer my poor heart  
This old world would seem sad, love,  
without you  
Tell me now that we're never to part

-- chorus --

Oh, I'll pawn you my gold watch and  
chain, love

And I'll pawn you my gold diamond  
ring

I will pawn you this heart in my  
bosom

Only say that you love me again

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Take back all the gifts you have given  
But a ring and a lock of your hair  
And a card with your picture upon it  
It's a face that is false, but it's fair

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Tell me why that you do not love me  
Tell me why that your smile is not bright  
Tell me why you have grown so  
coldhearted  
Is there no kiss for me, love, tonight

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

-- chorus --

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### GOODBYE THEME

The hour has come, we part today  
Goodbye (goodbye) goodbye (goodbye)  
With trembling lips we sadly say  
Goodbye (goodbye) goodbye (goodbye)

Oh, some of us here shall meet no more  
Goodbye (goodbye) goodbye (goodbye)  
But let's all meet where partings are o'er  
Goodbye (goodbye) goodbye (goodbye)

### GOODBYE TO THE PLAINS

Goodbye to the pals of the prairie  
Goodbye to the pals of the plains  
Goodbye to the dash and the danger  
Goodbye to the heartaches and pains

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Goodbye to my faithful old pony  
Take care of him, boys, when I go  
I'm riding away on life's roundup  
Away to where the sun sinks low

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Goodbye to the whoop-rushing cattle  
Goodbye to the clanking of spurs  
Goodbye to the laugh and the chatter  
Goodbye to the wildlife and steers

Goodbye to the dawning's first blushes  
That fair in the east faintly glow  
I'm riding away on life's roundup

Away to where the sun sinks low

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Goodbye to the girls and the boys  
Goodbye to all of my friends  
Goodbye to the dear girl, my sweetheart  
For I know this is my end

For the pale rider comes with his  
summons  
And I'm willing and ready to go  
For I'm riding away on life's roundup  
Away to where the sun sinks low

### GOSPEL SHIP

-- chorus --

I'm going to take a trip in that old gospel  
ship

I'm going far beyond the sky

I'm gonna shout and sing till the  
heavens ring

When I bid this world good-bye

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I have good news to bring and that is  
why I sing

All my joys with you I'll share

I'm going to take a trip in that old gospel  
ship

And go sailing through the air

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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I can scarcely wait, I know I won't be late  
I'll spend my time in prayer  
And when the ship comes in I'll leave  
this world of sin  
And go sailing through the air

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

If you are ashamed of me you ought not  
to be  
Yes, you'd better have a care  
If too much fault you find you'll sure be  
left behind  
While I'm sailing through the air

-- chorus --

### GRAVE ON THE GREEN HILLSIDE

There's a little grave on the green  
hillside  
That lies to the morning sun  
And the way worn feet often wander  
there  
When the cares of the day are done

We sometimes sit in the twilight fall  
And talk of a far off land  
And I sometimes feel in the twilight there  
The touch of a vanished hand

-- chorus --

Grave on the green hillside  
Grave on the green hillside  
In the years to come we will calmly

sleep  
In a grave on the green hillside  
And this land is full of these little graves  
In the valleys, plains, and hills  
There's an angel, too, for each little  
grave  
An angel sufficient, Bill

I know not how, but I sometimes think  
That they lead us with gentle hands  
And a whisper falls on a willing ear  
From the shore of a far off land

-- chorus --

And these little graves are but wayside  
marks  
That point to a far off land  
And they speak to the soul of a better  
day  
Of a day that's near at hand

Though we first must walk through this  
darksome veil  
Yet Christ will be our guide  
We will reach the shore of a far off land  
Through a grave on a green hillside

-- chorus --

## Carter Family Songs

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### THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF ALL

I wandered today on the seashore  
The waves and the winds are low  
I thought of the days that are gone by,  
ma  
Many long years ago

We lingered by the gently flowing billows  
And watched the golden sunset fade  
away  
And there among the sweet ocean  
breezes  
We talked about our future wedding day

-- chorus --

Gathering up the shells from the  
seashore  
Gathering up the shells from the  
sea  
Those were the happiest days of all,  
ma  
Gathering up the shells from the  
shore

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When the waves are rolling on the  
ocean  
And the golden moonbeams on the  
pebbles shine  
At your cottage by the sea I'll come  
again, ma  
When the waves are rolling gentle,  
sweetheart mine

Now I am growing up in years, ma  
My locks are all silver and gray  
But the vows that we made on the shore,  
ma  
Are fresh in my memory today

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

No more bright shells we will gather  
As the waves come dashing as of yore  
She lies 'neath the white pebbled sand  
Just covered up with shells on the shore

-- chorus --