

Carter Family Songs

THE LITTLE LOG HUT IN THE LANE

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Mama says she don't want me
Because I'm getting old
Scared that I might freeze to death
The weather is so cold
If I live till night
I think I will try
When the moon goes down tonight
I'm going to say goodbye
I'm going from the cotton field
I'm going from the cane
I'm going from that little log hut
That stands down in the lane

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Now I'm old and feeble
And I cannot see my way
Mama says I'm old and gray
And only in the way
I'm leaving the little log hut
The place I love to dwell
When the stars shine bright tonight
I'm going to bid farewell
I'm going from the cotton field
I'm going from the cane
I'm going from that little log hut
That stands down in the lane

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I'm going from the cotton field
I'm going from the cane
I'm going from that little log hut
That stands down in the lane

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

THERE'LL BE JOY, JOY, JOY

-- chorus 1 --

There'll be joy, joy, joy
Up in my father's house
Up in my father's house
Up in my father's house
There'll be joy, joy, joy
Up in my father's house
Where there's peace, sweet peace

We will all be happy there
Up in my father's house
Up in my father's house
Up in my father's house
We will all be happy there
Up in my father's house
Where there's peace, sweet peace

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

There'll be no drunkards there
Up in my father's house
Up in my father's house
Up in my father's house
There'll be no drunkards there
Up in my father's house
Where there's peace, sweet peace

Don't you want to go up there, Up to my
father's house
Up to my father's house, Up to my
father's house
Don't you want to go up there, Up to my
father's house
Where there's peace, sweet peace

We will all be happy there, Up in my
father's house
Up in my father's house, Up in my
father's house
We will all be as one, Up in my father's
house
Where there's peace, sweet peace

-- chorus-1 --

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THERE'S NO HIDING PLACE DOWN HERE

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Sister Mary she wears a golden chain
Sister Mary she wears a golden chain
Sister Mary wears the golden chain
There's every link in Jesus' name
There's no hiding place down here

-- chorus --

There's no hiding place down here
There's no hiding place down here
Well, I run to the rock just to hide my face
And the rocks cried out, no hiding place
There's no hiding place down here

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I'll pitch my tent on the old campground
I'll pitch my tent on the old campground
I'll pitch my tent on the old campground
I'll give Satan one more round
There's no hiding place down here

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, the Devil wears a hypocrite's shoe
The Devil wears a hypocrite's shoe
The Devil wears a hypocrite's shoe
And if you don't watch out he'll slip it on you
There's no hiding place down here

-- chorus --

THERE'S NO ONE LIKE MOTHER TO ME

Sadly I'm thinking tonight
Thinking of the sweet by and by
Memories of childhood so bright
Come back like a dream with a sigh

I've been thinking of friends and of home

In that cottage far over the sea

No matter wherever I roam

There's no one like mother to me

-- chorus --

There's no one like mother to me
No matter how poor she may be
I'll go back to that home o'er the sea
There's no one like mother to me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When I left that old home o'er the sea
I kissed them goodbye at the gate
Somebody whispered to me
A loving voice asked me to wait

Her blessing she gave with a smile

And tears on her cheeks I could see

How often that sweet face I've missed

There's no one like mother to me

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

-- chorus --

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THERE'S SOMEONE A-WAITING FOR ME

All the people of today, they are going
far away

To the mountains, the lakes, or the sea
There's a little spot out west that I
always loved the best
And there's someone a-waiting for me

-- chorus --

She'll be happy (She'll be happy)
She'll be free (She'll be free)
When she wanders alone with me
It'll be getting quite late
When I meet her at the gate
And there's someone a-waiting for me

Yodel-ay-ee, oh-ah-lee-oh-lay-ee
Ah-lee-oh-lay-ee, oh-ah-lay

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

There's birds in every tree and they
sing among the breeze
But there's none so happy as me
I am going out west and there I'll do my
best
To build a little home for you and me

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, the birds that fly above singing
dear songs of love
O'er the meadows, the valleys so deep
Their voices so sweet that they sing me
to sleep
For I know my darling will not weep

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

THEY CALL HER MOTHER

There's a store by the road in the
country

Among the hills where the evergreens
grow
In that store by the road there's a
woman

Who is different from others I know

Now her irony-grey hair's turned to
silver

And her kind eyes are ever soft and
blue

Always she has a kind word for others
And a smile ever waiting for you

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

She's adored for her sunny disposition
By the women, the children and men
In all the neighboring hills they call her
Mother

For she's really a mother dear to them

She is cheerful like the birds in the
cedars

She is modest like the songs that they
sing

In the hills nearby they call her Mother
For she's really a mother true to them

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When the clouds hang low on the
mountain

And the pines are bent low by the snow
Neighbors go to that store by the
roadside

It's a place that they all love to go

Some go there to play cards at the
table

Some just sit by the warm, cheering fire
And dear Mother with kind disposition
Finds a way to make all happy there

She's adored for her sunny disposition
By the women, the children and the
men

In all the neighboring hills they call her
Mother

For she's really a mother dear to them

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THIS IS LIKE HEAVEN TO ME

I find many people who can't understand

Why I'm so happy and free

I've crossed over Jordan to Canaan's fair land

And this is like heaven to me

Oh, this is like heaven to me

Yes, this is like heaven to me

I've crossed over Jordan to Canaan's fair land

And is is like heaven to me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I've heard the sweet music, the heavenly chords

From gloryland over the sea

The soul-thrilling message from Jesus, my Lord

And this is like heaven to me

Oh, this is like heaven to me

Yes, this is like heaven to me

The soul-thrilling message from Jesus, my Lord

And this is like heaven to me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I'm looking for Jesus in glory to come

From gloryland over the sea

A cloud of bright angels to carry me home

And that will be heaven to me

Oh, that will be heaven to me

Yes, that will be heaven to me

A cloud of bright angels to carry me home

And that will be heaven to me

TWO SWEETHEARTS

A crowd of young fellows one night at a ball

Were telling of sweethearts they had

All seemed jolly except one lad

Who seemed downhearted and sad

Come join us, Ned, his comrades then said

Surely some girl has loved you

Then raising his head, proudly he said

I'm in love with two

-- chorus --

One has hair of silver-gray

The other one is just like gold

One is young and youthful, too

The other one is aged and old

But dearer than life are they both to me

From neither would I part

One is my mother, God bless her, I love her

The other one is my sweetheart

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My sweetheart is a poor working girl

I'm determined to wed

Father said no, 'twill never be so

You must marry an heiress instead

Mother was young, she knows how it is

When father met her she was poor

Ned, don't fret, she'll be your wife yet

For he will consent, I am sure

-- chorus --

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WABASH CANNONBALL

Out from the wide Pacific to the broad
Atlantic shore
She climbs flowery mountains over hills
and by the shore
Although she's tall and handsome and
known quite well by all
She's a regular combination of the
Wabash Cannonball

Oh, the eastern states are dandy, so
the western people say
Chicago, Rock Island, St. Louis by the
way
To the lakes of Minnesota where the
rippling waters fall
No changes can be taken on the
Wabash Cannonball

-- chorus --

Oh, listen to the jingle
The rumble and the roar
As she glides along the woodlands
Over hills and by the shore
She climbs the flowery mountains
Hear the lonesome hobo squall
She glides along the woodlands
The Wabash Cannonball

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, here's to Daddy Cleton, let his
name forever be
And long be remembered in the ports
of Tennessee
For he is a good old rounder till the
curtain round him fall
He'll be carried back to victory on the
Wabash Cannonball

I have rode the I.C. Limited, also the
Royal Blue
Across the eastern countries on mail
car number two
I have rode those highball trains from
coast to coast that's all
But I have found no equal to the
Wabash Cannonball

-- chorus -- [INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

WALKING IN THE KING'S HIGHWAY

We shall see the desert as a rose
Walking in the king's highway
There'll be singing where salvation
goes
Walking in the King's highway

-- chorus --

There's a highway there and a way
Where sorrows shall flee away
And the light shines bright as the day
Walking in the King's highway

We shall see the glory of the Lord
Walking in the King's highway
And behold the glory of his word
Walking in the King's highway

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

There the rain shall fall upon the
ground
Walking in the King's highway
And the springs of water shall be found
Walking in the King's highway

- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

No unclean thing shall pass o'er here
Walking in the King's highway
Just the ransomed ones without a fear
Walking in the King's highway

-- chorus --

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THE WANDERING 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
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
How I miss him, there's no tongue can
tell

-- 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

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
Well I remember the parting words he
said
We'll meet again where no sad tears
are shed
There'll be no goodbyes in that bright
land so fair
When, done with life, I'll meet you up
there

-- chorus --

WAVES ON THE SEA

Oh, the waves on the sea, how they roll
The chilly winds, how they do blow
My own true love got drowned in the
deep
And the ship never got to the shore

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, the first on the deck was a porter of
the ship
And a rough-looking fellow was he
Says, "I care no more for my wife and
my child
Than I do for the fish in the sea"

Oh, the waves on the sea, how they roll
The chilly winds, how they do blow
My own true love got drowned in the
deep
And the ship never got to the shore

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Well, I left my dear darling a-grieving
Well, I left my dear darling a-grieving
I left my dear darling grieving after me
For I never expect to see her anymore

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, the waves on the sea, how they roll
The chilly winds, how they do blow
My own true love got drowned in the
deep
And the ship never got to the shore

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THE WAYWORN TRAVELER

I saw a wayworn traveler, in tattered
garments clad
And struggling up the mountain, it
seemed that he was sad
His back was laden heavy, his strength
was almost gone
Yet shouted as he journeyed,
Deliverance will come

-- chorus --

Then palms of victory, crowns of Glory
Palms of victory I shall wear

The summer sun was shining, the
sweat was on his brow
His garments worn and dusty, his steps
seemed very slow
But he kept pressing onward for he was
wending home
Still shouting as he journeyed,
Deliverance will come

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The songsters in the arbor that stood
beside the way
Attracted his attention, inviting his
delay
His watchword being Onward, he
stopped his ears and ran
Still shouting as he journeyed,
Deliverance will come

-- chorus --

While gazing on that city just o'er that
narrow flood
A band of holy angels came from the
throne of God
They bore him on their pinions before
the dashing foam
And joined him in his triumph,
Deliverance has come

-- chorus --

WE SHALL RISE

In that resurrection morning
When the trump of god shall sound
We shall rise.....we shall rise
(Hallelujah, we shall rise)

Then the saints will come rejoicing
And no tears will e'er be found
We shall rise.....we shall rise
(Hallelujah, we shall rise)

-- chorus --

We shall rise (Hallelujah) We shall rise
(Amen)

We shall rise (Hallelujah)
In that resurrection morning
When these prison bars are broken
We shall rise.....we shall rise
(Hallelujah, we shall rise)

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I shall see that blessed savior
Who so freely died for me
We shall rise.....we shall rise
(Hallelujah, we shall rise)
And our fathers and our mothers
And our loved ones we shall see
We shall rise.....we shall rise
(Hallelujah, we shall rise)

-- chorus --

-- chorus --

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WE WILL MARCH THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE CITY

We will march through the streets of the
city
With our loved ones (that's) gone
before
We will sit on the banks of the river
Where we'll meet to part no more

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
And transported by his blood

Come, thy fount of every blessing
Do now hark to sing God's praise
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Calls for songs of loudest praise

We will march through the streets of the
city
With our loved ones (that's) gone
before
We will sit on the banks of the river
Where we'll meet to part no more

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Hark the voice of Jesus calling
Who will go and work today
Fields are white and harvest is waiting
Who will bear the sheaves away

Yes, we'll march through the streets of
the city
With our loved ones gone before
We will sit on the banks of the river
Where we'll meet to part no more

WEARY PRODIGAL SON

God is calling the prodigal, come
without delay

Hear, o hear him calling, calling now for
thee

Patient, loving, and tender life still the
father pleas

Hear his loving voice calling still (oh,
calling still)

-- chorus --

Calling now for thee

(Calling now for thee)

Oh, where.....is the prodigal son

(Is the prodigal son, where is the
prodigal son)

Calling now for thee

(Calling now for thee)

Oh, where.....is the prodigal son

(Is the prodigal son, where is the
prodigal son)

Come there's bread in the house of the
father and to spare

Hear, o hear him calling, calling now for
thee

Lo, the table is spread and the feast is
waiting there

Hear his loving voice calling still (oh,
calling still)

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

-- chorus --

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WESTERN HOBO

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The wild, western hobo
Who left his happy home
Started upon a western trip
All by himself alone

Upon this western trip
Going to have lots of fun
But upon this western trip
This is the song he sung

Ay-oh-lay-ee-oh, oh-lay-ee-ay
Oh-lay-ee, oh-lay-ee, oh-lay-ee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I stepped up on a platform
Smoking a cheap cigar
Waiting to catch a freight train
To catch an empty car

I buttoned my coat up closely
Walked on down the track
I caught the steps of a sleeper car
I never did look back

Ay-oh-lay-ee-oh, oh-lay-ee-ay
Oh-lay-ee, oh-lay-ee, oh-lay-ee
[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My pocketbook is empty
My heart is filled with pain
10,000 miles away from home
Hoboing an old freight train

Ay-oh-lay-ee
Ay-oh-lay-ee
Oh-ah-lay-ee

WHEN I'M GONE

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone
You're gonna miss me by my walk
You're gonna miss me by my talk
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone

-- chorus --

When I'm gone (When I'm gone)
When I'm gone (When I'm gone)
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone
When I'm gone (When I'm gone)
When I'm gone (When I'm gone)
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You're gonna miss me by my prayers
You're gonna miss me everywhere
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone
You're gonna miss me by my song
You're gonna miss me all day long
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You're gonna miss me by my ways
You're gonna miss me everyday
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone
You're gonna miss me by my song
You're gonna miss me all day long
Oh, I know you will miss me when I'm
gone

-- chorus --

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WHEN OUR LORD SHALL COME AGAIN

When upon the clouds of heaven
Christ shall come to earth again
Will the world be glad to see him
When our Lord shall come again

-- chorus --

There'll be singing (There'll be singing)
There'll be shouting (Shouting,
shouting)
There'll be sorrows (There'll be
sorrows)
There'll be pain (Unending pain)
There'll be weeping (There'll be
weeping)
There'll be praying (There'll be praying)
When our Lord shall come again

Will his coming bring rejoicing
Or will it bring tears and pain
Will you help his people crown him
When our Lord shall come again

-- chorus --

Work and pray till Jesus calls you
Help to gather in the grain (the golden
grain)
Then with joy we'll meet the Savior
When our Lord shall come again

-- chorus --

WHEN SILVER THREADS ARE GOLD AGAIN

Darling, we are growing old
And show the silver in our hair
Sands of time have stolen all the gold
That made your youthful tresses fair

But years can never steal away
A love that never can grow old
What care we for tresses gray
Since love will always keep its gold

Love, I'll tell you with a kiss
If heaven gives back the youth we miss
Your face will be no fairer then
When silver threads are gold again

Darling, I can read today
The question in your thoughtful eyes
You wonder if I wish for May
Beneath this frosty Autumn sky

Love of mine, be sure of this
For me, no face could be so fair
Than this one that I stoop to kiss
Beneath its crown of silver hair

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WHEN THE ROSES BLOOM IN DIXIELAND

-- chorus --

When the roses bloom in Dixieland
I am coming back to you
When the birds are singing music
grand
To the sweetest girl I ever knew
I am saving up my money
To buy a little cabin home for two
When the roses bloom in Dixieland
I am coming back to you

I just got a letter from the sunny south
From my girl in Tennessee
She said she loved me like she used to
do
And was waiting there for me
I answered back her letter
Though I am far away
When the roses bloom in Dixieland
I am coming home to stay

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When I left my honey at the railroad
train
I said, honey, wait for me
I'm going to make a lot of money up
north
Then it's me for old Tennessee

-- chorus --

WHEN THE ROSES COME AGAIN

'Neath the shadow, down the meadow,
leaves lying on each side
By the river, flowers shiver, fading,
dying in their pride
Someone straying, long delaying,

stands a-parting down the lane
I must leave you, someone's saying, till
the roses come again

-- chorus --

When the roses come again
When the roses come again
I will meet you, I will greet you
When the roses come again

Oh-la-lay-ee, Ah-le-hee, Ah-le-hee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

As I wander, I will ponder on a happy
bye and bye
On a summer over yonder with joy to
you and I
Do not borrow grief or sorrow in the
hours that yet remain
We shall know a glad tomorrow when
the roses come again

-- chorus --

Oh-la-lay-ee, Ah-le-hee, Ah-le-hee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Sunshine over clover blossom on the
meadow wide
Summer's fingers sweetly linger
everywhere on every side
Someone's roaming in the gloaming,
happy hearts that feel no pain
All their sadness turned to gladness,
now the roses come again

-- chorus --

Oh-la-lay-ee, Ah-le-hee, Ah-le-hee

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WHEN THE WORLD'S ON FIRE

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, my loving mother, when the world's
on fire
Don't you want God's bosom to be your
pillow
Tide me over in the Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages cleft for me

I'm going to heaven when the world's
on fire
And I want God's bosom to be my
pillow
Tide me over in the Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages cleft for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, my loving brother, when the world's
on fire
Don't you want God's bosom to be your
pillow
Tide me over in the Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages cleft for me

Oh, my loving sinner, when the world's
on fire
Don't you want God's bosom to be your
pillow
Tide me over in the Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages cleft for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Don't you want to go to heaven when
the world's on fire
Don't you want God's bosom to be your
pillow
Tide me over in the Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages cleft for me

WHEN THIS EVENING SUN GOES DOWN

When this evening sun goes down
Then in heaven I will be found
I will end life's other side
When I cross the great divide

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When this evening sun goes down
When I wear my starry crown
When I'll see a smiling face
And rest in amazing grace

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He will wipe away my tears
He will blind me to all my fears
Then in joy I'll ever be bound
When this evening sun goes down

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When this evening sun goes down
When they lay me 'neath the ground
When we'll meet, weep, and mourn
Then I'll be in my heavenly home

WHERE SHALL I BE

The judgement day is drawing nigh
Where shall I be
When God the work of men shall try
Where shall I be

When east and west the fire will roll
Where shall I be
How will it be with my poor soul
Where shall I be

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-- chorus --

Oh, where shall I be
When the first trumpet sounds
Oh, where shall I be
When it sounds so loud
When it sounds so loud as to wake up
the dead
Oh, where shall I be when it sounds

When wicked men his wrath shall see
Where shall I be
And to the rocks and mountains flee
Where shall I be

When hills and mountains flee away
Where shall I be
And all the work of men decay
Where shall I be

--chorus--

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When the savior reigns from shore to
shore
Where shall I be
From God's angry presence thrown
Where shall I be

Well, I'll be sleeping in my grave
When the first trumpet sounds
I'll be sleeping in my grave
When it sounds so loud

When it sounds so loud as to wake up
the dead
I'll be sleeping in my grave when it
sounds

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

[REPEAT LAST CHORUS]

WHERE THE SILVERY
COLORADO WENDS ITS
WAY

The twilight softly gathered round my
home among the hills
And all nature soon will settle down to
rest

While I sit and sadly ponder and my
heart with longing fills
As I often think of one that I love best

We were wedded in the springtime
And our hearts, they knew no pain
Fair nature seemed to smile on us that
day
Now she sleeps beneath the lilacs
And she'll ne'er come back again
Where the silver Colorado wends its
way

-- chorus --

There's a sob on every breeze
And a sigh comes from the trees
And the mockingbirds, they sing a
sadder way
For the flowers creep no more
'Round my cheerless cabin door
Where the silver Colorado wends its
way

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The silver snow is gleaming on your
distant mountainside
Where often used to wander Nell and I
And the birds are singing gaily in the
valley far below
Where I long some day to lay me down
and die

Then our lives were gay and happy in
the shadow of the hills
My heart beats fonder for her day by
day
And I feel her presence near me as I sit
alone tonight
Where the silver Colorado wends its
way

-- chorus --

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WHERE WE'LL NEVER GROW OLD

I have heard of a land, on the faraway
strand
There's a beautiful home of the soul
Built for Jesus on high, there we never
shall die
'Tis a land where we'll never grow old

Never grow old, (where we'll) never
grow old
In the land where we'll never grow old
Never grow old, (where we'll) never
grow old
In the land where we'll never grow old

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

In that beautiful home, where we'll
nevermore roam
We shall be in the sweet bye and bye
Happy praise to the king, through
eternity sing
Is a land where we never shall die

Never grow old, (where we'll) never
grow old
In the land where we'll never grow old
Never grow old, (where we'll) never
grow old
In the land where we'll never grow old

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When our work here is done, and the
life's crown is won
And our troubles and trials are o'er
All our sorrow will end, and our voices

will blend
With the loved ones who've gone on
before

Never grow old, (where we'll) never
grow old
In the land where we'll never grow old
Never grow old, (where we'll) never
grow old
In the land where we'll never grow old

WHO'S THAT KNOCKING AT MY WINDOW?

Who's that knocking at my window
Knocks so loud and won't come in
It is your own true-hearted lover
Rise you up and let him in

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Awake, awake, don't wake my mother
Our love's a thing she can't endure
She's been the ruin of many a lover
She'll be the ruin of many more

Awake, awake, don't wake my father
For he is on his bed of rest
And on his breast he carries a weapon
To kill the one that I love best

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I wish I was a little sparrow
I'd circle like a turtledove
I'd fly away to a lonely valley
And settle down in the land of love

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WHY DO YOU CRY, LITTLE DARLING

Why do you cry, little darling
Why are those tears in your eyes
Why do you weep little darling
Just when I say goodbye

It makes me sad and lonely
To see you feel so blue
What have I done, little darling
Have I been untrue to you

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

'Cause you are called, little darling
To fight for your country true
There's many a poor girl just like me
Weeping for their sweethearts, too

I tried so hard to be cheerful
But thought of all the long years
You might be gone, little darling
I could not keep back my tears

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

That's why I cry, little darling
Because you're going away
Leaving me all broken-hearted
To weep for you day after day

Every night I'll kneel by my bedside
And ask God to guide you each day
Back to your sweetheart that's waiting
And loves you more than I can say

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Every night I'll kneel by my bedside
And ask God to guide you each day
Back to your sweetheart that's waiting
And loves you more than I can say

WHY THERE'S A TEAR IN MY EYE

I once loved a beautiful maiden
As fair as the blue skies above
And each night as we wandered
together
The moon seemed to smile on our love

We vowed to be true to each other
That nothing could cause us to part
But we never once dreamed that the
future
Held only a broken heart

Then there came the night when we
parted
We quarreled as all sweethearts do
And I learned what it was to be
jealousm
When they told me her love was untrue

She told me she had always been
faithful

She swore that her love could not die
And then when I did not believe her
She kissed me and told me goodbye

Oh-de-lay-ee-oh,de-lay-ee,
Yo-de-lay-ee
[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I found I had falsely accused her, And
went back to make her my bride
And there in the door stood her mother,
She told me my sweetheart had died

I went in and knelt down beside her,
And there in the hush of that room
I prayed that my maker would take me,
And send my soul down to its doom

So now I have told you the reason,
There's always a tear in my eye
Through long weary years I've
repented, But I'm longing to lay down
and die

I wonder if I'll be forgiven, When I face
the master someday

And I wonder if I'll see my sweetheart,
On that beautiful shore far away
Oh-de-lay-ee-oh,de-lay-ee,
Yo-de-lay-ee

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WILD AND RECKLESS HOBO

A wild and reckless hobo
Who left his happy home
Started upon a western trip
All by himself alone

Upon this western trip
We're going to have lots of fun
But upon this western trip
This is the song he sung

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I stepped up on the platform
Smoking a cheap cigar
Waiting to catch a freight train
To catch an empty car

I buttoned my coat up closely
Walked off down the track
I caught the steps of a sleeper car
I never did look back

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

They put me off at Danville
Got stuck on a Danville girl
You bet your life, she's out of sight
She wore those Danville curls
She wore her hat on the back of her
head

Like high-toned people do
If the western train pulls through this
town

I'll bid that girl adieu

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

My pocketbook is empty
My heart is filled with pain
10,000 miles away from home
Hoboing an old freight train

WILDWOOD FLOWER

Oh, I'll twine with my mangels and
waving black hair
With the roses so red and the lilies so
fair
And the myrtle so bright with the
emerald dew
The pale *amanita* and *islip* like blue

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I will dance, I will sing, and my heart
shall be gay
I will charm every heart, in his crown I
will sway
When I woke from my dreaming my idol
was clay
All portion of love had all flown away

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, he taught me to love him and
promised to love
And to cherish me over all others
above
How my heart is now wondering no
misery can tell
He's left me no warning, no words of
farewell

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Oh, he taught me to love him and
called me his flower
That was blooming to cheer him
through life's dreary hour
Oh, I long to see him and regret the
dark hour
He won and neglected this pale
wildwood flower

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

* *Aminita* is a pale white mushroom.

* *Islip* is a beautiful blue wildflower found
in western Virginia.

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WILL MY MOTHER KNOW ME THERE ?

When I reach my home eternal
Reach that city bright and fair
When I stand among the angels
Will my mother know me there

-- chorus --

Yes, I know that she will know me
In those mansions bright and fair
Mother's love can ne'er forget me
And I'm sure she'll know me there

I have changed with the changing
seasons
I am bent with toil and care
When I stand among the angels
Will my mother know me there

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

All for me my mother wrestled
When she used to kneel in prayer
Do you think she has forgotten
Will my mother know me there

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Mother's face has been a beacon
O'er the sea of deep despair
I shall look for her up yonder
Will my mother know me there

-- chorus --

WILL 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 --

Will 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 --

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 --

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WILL THE ROSES BLOOM IN HEAVEN

In a cold and cheerless garret
In a room so dim, so lone
In a frosty wintry silence
There was heard a little moan

And a little child is asking
At the break of the day
Will the roses bloom in heaven
Tell me, mama, tell me, pray

-- chorus --

Will the roses bloom in heaven
Are there any gardens there
Any violets and clover
Way up with the angels fair
Will the branches fill with blossoms
And in winter fill with snow
Will the roses bloom in heaven
Tell me, mama, e'er I go

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Now the room grows light and lighter
Everything has caught a glow
Heaven seems to stretch about her
While dream faces come and go

Then she whispered, birds are singing
Psalms of melody
And I see the roses blooming
While the angels beckon me

Then mother whispered
In the land so bright and fair
Where the roses will be blooming
There will be no parting there

Goodbye, my little darling

For death is lingering near
And on the pale little face
There was not one trace of fear
-- chorus --

WILL YOU MISS ME WHEN I'M GONE

When death shall close these eyelids
And this heart shall cease to beat
And they lay me down to rest
In some flowery bowery tree

-- chorus --

Will you miss me (miss me when I'm gone)
Will you miss me (miss me when I'm gone)
Will you miss me (miss me when I'm gone)
Will you miss me when I'm gone

Perhaps you'll plant a flower
On my poor, unworthy grave
Come and sit along beside me
When the roses nod and wave

-- chorus --

One sweet thought my soul shall cherish
When this fleeting life has flown
This sweet thought will cheer when dying
Will you miss me when I'm gone

When these lips shall never more
Plant a kiss upon thy brow
But lie cold and still in death
Will you love me then as now
-- chorus --

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THE WINDING STREAM

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

O give to me a winding stream
It must not be too wide
Where waving leaves of maple trees
Would meet from either side
The water must be deep enough
To float a small canoe
With no one else but you

-- chorus --

Do not disturb
My waking dream
The splendor of
That winding stream
Flower in my canoe
Her eyes they look me through
A maiden fair with golden hair
Looks very much like you

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The sparkling trout beneath the bank
Doth leave his hiding place
Kingfisher from the bough above
So eager to give chase
The spreading branches overhead
The sunrise peeping through
And looking, dear, at you

-- chorus --

THE WONDERFUL CITY

I'm waiting, watching and longing
That beautiful sight to behold

When I shall awake some bright
morning
In that city with streets of pure gold

My savior has gone to prepare it
For all who accept his grace
And that's why I know I'll be welcome
To a home in that wonderful place

When I reach my home in that city
Shall I find you waiting up there
With the saints who have gone on
before us
To that beautiful home so fair

My whole heart is set upon heaven
Where my savior's face I shall see
And live in the light of his glory
Throughout all eternity

Oh-de-lay-ee, oh-lay-ee, oh-lay-ee

He bids us to work in his vineyards
To toil for him early and late
What a glorious reward for our labor
To enter that beautiful gate

When I reach my home in that city
Shall I find you waiting up there
With the saints who have gone on
before us
To that beautiful home so fair

My whole heart is set upon heaven
Where my savior's face I shall see
And live in the light of his glory
Throughout all eternity
Oh-de-lay-ee-hee, oh-lay-ee-hee,
oh-lay-ee

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WORRIED MAN BLUES

-- chorus --

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long

I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
When I woke up, put the shackles on my feet

Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg
And on each link an initial of my name

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I asked the judge, what might be my fine
I asked the judge, what might be my fine
Twenty-one years on the R.D.
Mountain Line

The train I ride, sixteen coaches long
The train I ride, sixteen coaches long
The girl I love is on that train and gone

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

If anyone should ask you who composed this song
If anyone should ask you who composed this song
Tell 'em 'twas I, and I sing it all day long

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long

THE WRECK ON THE C & O

Along came the FFV, the fastest on the line,
Running along the C&O Road, twenty minutes behind the time
Running into Sewall Yard, was quartered on the line
Awaiting their strict orders to bring her in on time.

And when she blew for Hinton, her engineer was there
George Alley was his name, with bright and wavery hair
His fireman, Jack Dickerson, was standing by his side
Receiving their strict orders, and in the cab to ride.

George Alley's mother came to him

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with a basket on her arm
She handed him a letter saying "Be
careful how you run
For many a man has lost his life trying
to make up lost time
But if you run your engine right you'll
get there just on time."

George Alley said, "Dear mother, your
letter I'll take heed
I know my engine is all right and I know
that she will speed
So o'er this road I mean to run with
speed unknown to all
And when I blow for Clifton Forge,
they'll surely hear my call.

George Alley said to his fireman, "Jack,
a little extra steam;
I intend to run old Number 4 the fastest
ever seen;
So o'er this road I mean to fly like
angels' wings unfurled,
And when I blow for the Big Bend
Tunnel, they'll surely hear my call."

George Alley said to his fireman, "Jack,
a rock ahead I see,
And I know that death is lurking there
for to grab both you and me
So from this cab, dear Jack do fly, your
darling life to save
For I want you to be an engineer while
I'm sleeping in my grave."

"Oh no, dear George! That will not do, I
want to die with you."

"Oh no, dear Jack, that will not be; I'll
die for you and me."

So from the cab poor Jack did leap,
New River was running high,
And he kissed his hand to George as
Number 4 flew by.

So up the road she dashed, against the
rock she crashed
The engine turning upside down, and
the coaches coming last
George Alley's head in the firebox lay,
while the burning flames rolled high
"I'm glad I was born an engineer, on the
C&O road to die."

George Alley's mother came to him and
in sorrow she did sigh
When she looked upon her darling boy
and saw that he must die
"Too late, too late, dear mother! my
doom is almost o'er
And I know that God will let me in when
I reach that golden shore."

The doctor said, "Dear George, O
darling boy, be still
Your life may yet be spared, if it is
God's blessed will."
"Oh no, dear doc, that cannot be, I
want to die so free.
I want to die on the engine I love, 143."

The doctor said, "Dear George, your
life cannot be saved.
Murdered upon a railroad, and laid in a
lonesome grave."
His face was covered up with blood, his
eyes they could not see.
And the very last words that ever he
spoke were, "Nearer my God to Thee."

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YOU ARE MY FLOWER

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The grass is just as green
The sky is just as blue
The day is just as bright
The birds are singing, too

-- chorus --

You are my flower
That's blooming in the mountain for me
You are my flower
That's blooming there for me

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The air is just as pure
The sunlight just as free
And nature seems to say
It's all for you and me

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

So wear a happy smile
And life will be worthwhile
Forget your tears
And don't forget to smile

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

When summertime has passed
And snow begins to fall
Just sing this song
And say to one and all

-- chorus --

YOU BETTER LET THAT LIAR ALONE

Chorus)
If you don't want to get in trouble
If you don't want to get in trouble
If you don't want to get in trouble
You better let that liar alone

Well let me tell you people what a liar
will do
He's always coming with something
new
He'll steal your heart with a false
pretence
Make out like he's your bosom friend

When a liar takes the notion to bend
the truth
He'll lay around his neighbors to get the
news
And nearly every day when you look
out
You can see that liar coming to your
house

He'll tell you such a lie it'll surprise your
mind
He'll mix a little truth for to make it shine
When he finds out you believe what he
says
Then that liar's gonna have his way.

When everything's in perfect peace
Here comes that liar with his deceit
When he gets his business fixed just
right
Then that liar's going to cause a fight

Bridge
He'll make out like he loves you so well
Everything you hear he must come and
tell
Let me tell you sisters if you only knew
What a certain somebody says about
you.
He studies up a lie he'll tell it so smooth

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You'll think absolutely that it must be true
And he'll urge you out for to trace the tale
And if you don't mind you'll be put in jail
A hypocrite liar both kicks up a fuss
They're both very bad but a liar's the worse.

YOU DENIED YOUR LOVE

That was the day when you went away
You broke my heart in the month of May
That little ring I gave to you
Will show you, dear, my love was true

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Sweet are the flowers of our friendship
That has bloomed our whole life through
But ne'er forget, though you're far away
They're blooming in my heart today

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

You denied your love, but you proved it so
You came to see me when the sun was low
You broke my heart, but you were kind
When you said "Oh, dear, you could never be mine"

Oh, let me tell you what love will do
When you love a boy that don't love you
It'll break your heart, they'll leave you alone

They'll roam the west, so far from home

YOU TIED A LOVE KNOT IN MY HEART

You tied a love knot in my heart, dear
When you said you'd be my bride
Oh, how well I remember
As we strolled side by side

Leaves were falling all around us
Roses withered on the ground
You tied a love knot in my heart, dear
That can never be unwound

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

The only thing that I have left now
Is this little string of down
With a little love knot in it
That she held tight in her hand

As I stood there by your bedside
As I look into your eyes
You tied a love knot in my heart, dear
That can never be untied

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

There's a heart tonight that's lonely
There's a heart tonight that's sad
For God has took you from me
The best pal I ever had

She's gone to sing up in heaven
God needed her there by his side
You tied a love knot in my heart, dear
That can never be untied

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YOUNG FREDA BOLT

Amid the Blue Ridge Mountains there
lived a maiden fair
Whose life was pure as heaven, whose
heart was free from care
She dreamed of love and romance with
heart so glad and free
No bloom within the future young Freda
Bolt could see

Nearby lived Dearon Harmond, a boy
she loved so well
And of these two young lovers a story I
will tell
'Twas late one Thursday evening, the
stars were shining dim
That Dearon called his sweetheart to
come and go with him

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

He told her on tomorrow that they
would surely wed
But little was she thinking he'd take her
life instead
They motored to Bent Mountain, a
place so dark and lone
And there her form so helpless he
placed beneath a stone

Away from home and mother that
Freda loved so well
The bitter pain and anguish no mortal
tongue can tell
Through tears she pled for mercy, but
heeding not her cry
Young Harmon left his sweetheart in
agony to die

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

We think the God in heaven must
surely heard her cry
And sent a band of angels to linger very
nigh
And bear her spirit over to yonder's
happy shore
Where dying comes, no, never and

parting is no more

YOUR MOTHER STILL PRAYS FOR YOU, JACK

The night was dark and stormy
The wind was howling wild
As an aged mother gazed upon
A portrait of her child
As she gazed on the baby's features
That once filled her heart with joy
He's now in this wild world roaming
That mother's long-lost boy

-- chorus --

Your mother still prays for you, Jack
Your mother still prays for you
In a home far over the ocean
Your mother still prays for you
[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

At last there came a letter
It was deeply edged in black
From a comrade long forgotten
Who still remembered Jack
They have lain your dear old mother
In a grave so dark and cold
And she wants her boy who is
roaming
To meet her on the streets of gold

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

His stony heart was broken
As he thought of his mother dear
And in spite of his comrades' mocking
He could not keep back his tears
In spite of the great temptation
That once filled his heart with tears
So he started for heaven that
evening
As sweet love the people did sing

-- chorus --

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YOU'RE GONNA BE SORRY YOU LET ME DOWN

You told me once, dear, I was true and kind
You told me then, love, that you were mine
But now you tell me that you were blind
You like your parties and good times

I'm sorry, darling, 'cause you feel this way
Once you told me truthful, to my face
You've found another to take my place
All dressed in diamonds, pearls and lace

-- chorus --

I'm sorry, darling, 'cause you let me down
A truer love now you think you've found
But when I'm laid deep down in the ground
You're gonna be sorry you let me down

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

So now I've lost you, but still have faith
That you will see the mistake you've made
And when you find, dear, that you were wrong
You'll ask forgiveness and come back home

I believed you, darling, when you said to me
That we'd be happy, we'd be free
But now I found, dear, a fault in thee
When we were wed, love, I could not see

-- chorus --

YOU'RE NOTHING MORE TO ME

Tonight we part forever
You're nothing more to me
The chain that bound us is broken
Not a tear I'll shed for thee

Go break the heart of another
Just as you have broken mine
Go tell her that you love her
And call her fondly thine

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Here, take this ring that you gave me
Which was so dear to me
Go give it to another
It's nothing more to me

When you gaze upon the engraving
Will you think one time of me
You've broken my heart forever
Not a tear I'll shed for thee

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Goodnight, goodbye forever
You're nothing more to me
You've broken my heart forever
Not a tear I'll shed for thee

I must say goodbye, my darling
Nevermore to meet again
I will ask of you a promise
Will you meet me up in heaven

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

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YOU'VE BEEN A FRIEND TO ME

-- chorus --

Oh, I'll ne'er forget where e'er I roam
Where ever you may be
If ever I have had a friend
You have been that friend to me

My bark of life was tossing down
The troubled stream of time
When first I saw your smiling face
And youth was in its prime

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Misfortune nursed me as her child
And loved me fondly, too
I would have had a broken heart
Had it not been for you

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Now I look back upon the past
Acrost life's troubled seas
And smile to think of all I've seen
You've been a friend to me

-- chorus x 2 --

YOU'VE BEEN FOOLING ME, BABY

I don't want you any more, mama
Ain't no use in you hanging around
For I found another mama,
And now I am Chicago bound

-- chorus --

You've been fooling me, baby
You've been telling me your lies
When I thought you were an angel
Just sent down from the skies

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Sing those parting blues to me, sweet
Nell
When you leave you'll leave me sad
'Cause my daddy's gone and left me
I just wouldn't treat him right

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

I wouldn't give him much loving
Wouldn't stay home at night
Now I hear the train a-coming
He has gone out of sight

-- chorus --

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

YOU'VE GOT TO RIGHTEN
THAT WRONG

[CHORUS]

You've got to righten that wrong some
day

Years may pass but you can't get away
If you do wrong today, the price you
must pay

You've got to righten that wrong some
day

Do not lie or gossip on the folks that
you know

But do good to all while you may

If you smile to their face and frown
when they go

You've got to righten that wrong some
day

[CHORUS]

You hear Jesus pleading to come to the
fold

The time is flitting away

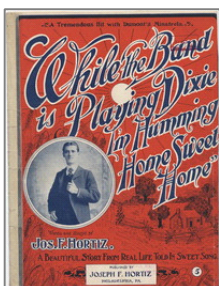
He will stick on your spirit and sweeten
your soul

Why not righten each wrong today?

[CHORUS]

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WHILE THE BAND IS PLAYING DIXIE



Lyricist & Composer -----
Joseph F. Hartz
Sheet music printed in
1900, cylinders and discs
released in 1902

Sara & Maybelle,
Original Carter Family Key : G

That night when all were sleeping came
the bugle call to arms
With flashing eyes they plunged into
the fray
And among the first to give his life up
for the land he loved
Was the boy who dreamed of Dixie far
away

(chorus)

It was on a day that soldiers wrote a
line to those they loved
To mothers, wives and sweethearts far
away
When a fair haired boy sat dreaming of
a far-off southern town
Of a dark-haired maid who's waiting
day by day

They found it in his pocket, a
bloodstained little note
A bullet hole had pierced it through and
through
It began with "Darlin' Mary, if I don't
come back again
Just remember that my last thoughts
were of you

(chorus)

While the band is playing Dixie, I'm
humming "**Home Sweet Home**"
It takes me back to Georgia though I'm
far across the *foam*
Once again beside the river with my
Mary dear I'll roam
While the band is playing Dixie, I'm
humming "**Home Sweet Home**"

(chorus)

**(note) Instrumental break to tune of HOME
SWEET HOME.**
(note2) foam -->SEA(literary)

Be it ever so humble, there's no place
like home
Be it ever so humble, there's no place
like home