

JORDAN

Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** 1954; **CATEGORY:** Bluegrass Gospel Song; **RECORDING INFO:** Stanley Brothers; Emmylou Harris; Grateful Dead; Kentucky Colonels; **OTHER NAMES:** Cold Jordan; **NOTES:** Gary B. Reid's notes to *The Stanley Brothers: The Early Years 1958-1961* (4-disc set; Starday/King KBSCD-7000): "Jordan" is thought by many to be an older traditional song but it was written in 1954 by Fred Rich, a gospel songwriter from northern Georgia who conceived the chorus of the song at the Co-op where he worked in Blairsville, Georgia. The chorus features a solo voice with an echo by the group.

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Oh lis-ten as you tread life's jour-ney take Je-sus as your dai-ly guide tho you may feel pure and

B7 E A

safe-ly with out Him walk-ing by your side but when you come to make the cross-ing at the

E A

end-ing of your pil-grim's way if you ev-er will meet our Sav-ior you'll sure-ly meet Him on that day

Solo E A

Now look at that cold (cold Jordan) look at these deep (deep wa-ters) look at that wide (wide

D E A Solo E

ri-ver) oh hear the migh-ty bill-ows roar you'd bet-ter take Je-(Je - sus with you) he's a true (true com-

A D E A

pan-ion) for I'm sure (sure with - out Him) that you ne-ver will make it o'er.

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Oh listen as you take life's journey take Jesus as your guide

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Though you may feel pure and safely without Him walking by your side

But when you come to make the crossing at the end of your pilgrim's way

If you ever will meet our Savior you'll surely meet Him on that day.

Chorus: Now look at that cold Jordan, look at these deep waters, look at that wide river
Oh hear the mighty billows roar, You'd better take Jesus with you
He's a true companion, for I'm sure without Him that you never will make it o'er.

That awful Day of Judgement is coming in the bye and bye
We'll see our Lord descending in Glory from on high
So let us keep in touch with Jesus and in his grace the Love of God
That we may be ever called ready when He calls us over Jordan's Tide. *Chorus*