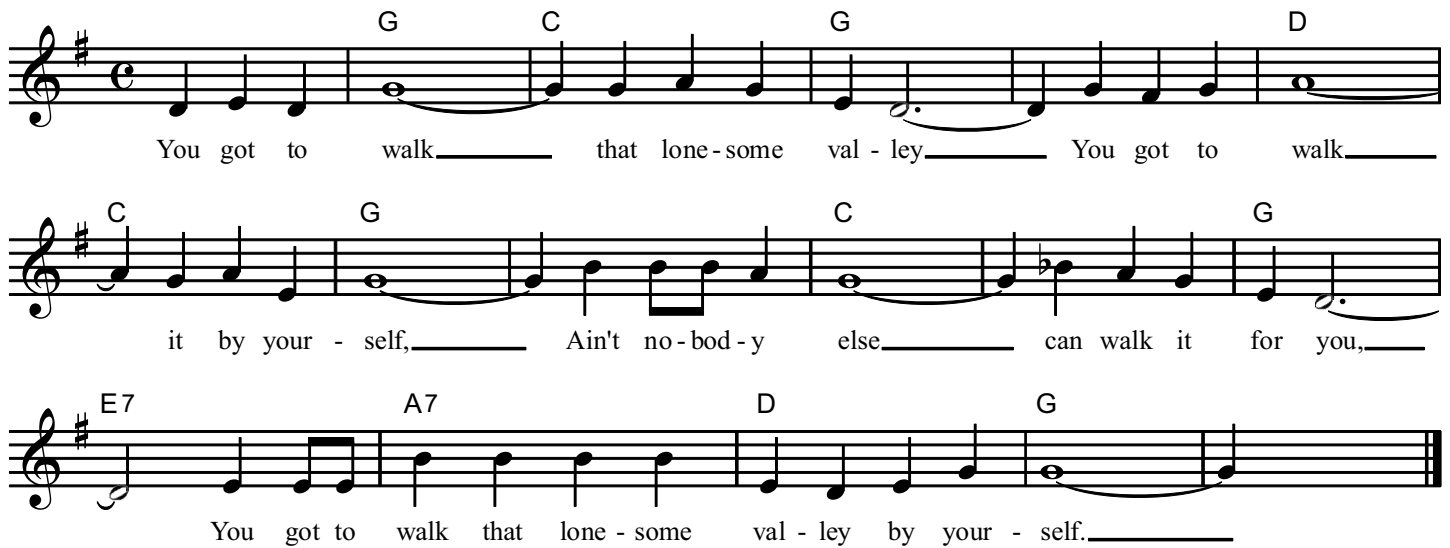


LONESOME VALLEY

Traditional Bluegrass Gospel; **DATE:** 1800's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Bluegrass Messengers on "Farther Along;" Carter Family- 1935; Erik Darling; Joan Baez; Roy Acuff; Mainer's Mountaineers; Monroe Brothers; **OTHER NAMES:** You Got To Walk That Lonesome Valley; That Lonesome Valley; Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley; **NOTES:** This American spiritual has become a favorite bluegrass song. It was a country hit as "John the Baptist" by Vernon Dalhart in 1925 and was popularized by the Carter Family in the 1930's. Below are the lyrics from Bluegrass Messengers on "Farther Along:"



You got to walk that lone - some val - ley You got to walk
it by your - self, Ain't no - bod - y else can walk it for you,
You got to walk that lone - some val - ley by your - self.

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G C G
Chorus: You got to walk that lonesome valley
D C G
You got to walk it by yourself;
C G E7
Ain't nobody else, can walk it for you.
A7 D G
You got to walk that lonesome valley by yourself.

Some say John, he was a Baptist
Some say John he was a Jew
I say John, just like the bible,
I say John, John, John, he was a preacher man too.

You got to walk that lonesome valley
You got to walk it by yourself;
Ain't nobody else, can walk it for you.
You got to walk that lonesome valley for yourself.

There is a road, that leads to glory,
Through a valley so far away,
Ain't nobody else, can walk it for you,
All they can do, is point the way. *Chorus*