

# MODEL CHURCH

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Well wife I found a mo-del church and worshipped there to - day it made me



think of the good old times be-fore my hair was grey The meeting



house was fi - ner built than they were years a - go



But I found out when I went in it was not built for show.

**G C G D**

The sexton did not set me down away back by the door

**G C G D G**

He knew that I was old and ill and saw that I was poor

**G C G D**

He must have been a Christian man, he led me boldly through

**G C G D G**

The long aisle of that crowded church to find a pleasant view

I wish you'd heard the singing choir, it had the old time ring  
The preacher said with trumpet voice, "Let all the people sing".  
Old Correlation was the tune, the music upward rose  
I thought I heard the angel choir strike on their harps of gold

I tell you wife it did me good to sing those hymns once more  
I felt just like some wrecked Marine who gets a glimpse of shore  
It made me want to lay aside this weather beaten boat  
And anchor in that blessed port, forever from the storm

Dear wife the toil will soon be o'er, the Victory soon be won  
But a shining strand is just ahead, our race is nearly run  
We're nearing Canaan's happy shore, our hopes are bright and fair  
Thank God we'll never sin again, there'll be no sorrow there  
There'll be no sorrow there, In heaven above where all in love, There'll be no sorrow there.

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