

# POOR WAYFARING STRANGER

Traditional Gospel Song; **DATE:** 1858; **CATEGORY:** Early Gospel Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Vaughan's Texas Quartet- 1929; Bill Monroe-1958; Roscoe Holcomb; **OTHER NAMES:** Poor Wayfaring Pilgrim; I Am a Poor Wayfaring Pilgrim; **NOTES:** The hymn text (tune as *Judgement* in Kentucky Harmony-1816) was first published in Bever's 1858 *Christian Songster*. Versions printed in Dett 1927 (and Jackson 1933), in Hymns for The Camp, 1862; and The Southern Zion's Songster, 1864. This tune, set with these words, continues in the present editions of both the Cooper and the Denson Sacred Harps and the Primitive Baptist songbook *Old School Hymnal*. Related to Lady of Carlisle; John Riley.

I'm just a poor way-far-ing stran-ger travel-ing through this world of  
 woe But there's no sick-ness toil or dan-ger in that bright world to which I  
 go I'm go-ing there to meet my fa-ther I'm go-ing there no more to  
 roam I'm just a go-ing o-ver Jor-dan I'm just a go-ing o-ver home.

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**Am E Am Dm E7**  
 I know dark clouds will gather 'round me, I know my way is rough and steep;  
**Am E Am Dm E Am**  
 But beauteous fields lie just beyond me, Where souls redeemed their vigil keep.

**F G C**  
**Chorus:** I'm going there to meet my father  
**F G E**  
 I'm going there no more to roam  
**Am E Am**  
 I'm just a-going over Jordan  
**Dm E Am**  
 I'm just a-going over home.

I'm going there to meet my mother  
 She said she'd meet me when I come  
 I'm just a-going over Jordan  
 I'm just a-going over home.

I'm going there to meet my Saviour  
 To sing His praises forevermore  
 I'm only going over Jordan  
 I'm only going over home.

I want to wear a crown of glory  
 When I get home to that bright land  
 I want to shout Salvation's story  
 In concert with that bloodwashed band.