

# Wayfaring Stranger

(The Pilgrim's Song)

attr. Bishop Richard Allen, 1831

Melody: Hampton  
Institute, 1920

**Andante**

1. I am a poor way-far-ing stran-ger, While jour-n'ying  
2. I know dark clouds will gath-er round me, I know my  
3. I know my sins are all for-giv-en, My hopes are

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through this world of woe, Yet there's no sick-ness, toil, and  
road is rough and steep, And yet bright fields lie just be-  
placed on things a-bove, I'm on my way to a sweet

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dan-ger, In that bright world to which I go.  
fore me, Where God's re-deemed their vig-ils keep.  
heav-en Where all is joy and peace and love.

I'm go-ing there to see my class-mates, They said they'd  
I'm go-ing there to see my par-ents, They said they'd  
I'm go-ing there to meet my chil-dren, They said they'd

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meet me when I come, I'm just a - go - ing o - ver  
 meet me when I come, I'm just a - go - ing o - ver  
 meet me when I come, I'm just a - go - ing o - ver

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Jor - dan, I'm just a - go - ing o - ver home.  
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The words are traditionally attributed to Bishop Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who was born into slavery and purchased his freedom. He died in 1831, and according to tradition wrote the hymn on his deathbed.