

# Stanley Brothers

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ROUNDUP

STANLEY BROTHERS'  
and the  
CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS

By Aubrey Fowler

An interpretation of the songs most loved by hill and country folks, the rhythmic string harmony from Carter's guitar and Ralph's banjo, and the closely blended voices singing songs that millions love, have endeared two of America's most beloved music-making Virginians, The Stanley Brothers, to an endless list of radio, T-V, stage and record fans in every nook and corner of the U. S. A., Canada, England, and the English speaking communities of Europe. One can hardly be sure of the first and beginning of their musical career, but a devoted mother with a lot of patience and endless ambition started them out right. She lost no time in teaching Ralph to pick the five-string banjo she had purchased with flour, food stuffs and other staple items. Mrs. Stanley, young in spirit though past 72, is one of twelve children of whom were banjo pickers. The family background gives good reason to say Carter and Ralph came by it naturally.

The guitar was Carter's preference. A three dollar and forty-five cent money order, a catalog number and a bit of description on a small sheet of paper mailed to a distant mail order house, and a patient mail carrier who was persuaded daily to stop at the Stanley's for a brief breather and short lesson for Carter, soon started him along with Ralph on a career that after more than twelve years claims a top rating with every performance.

A humble boyhood beginning in the foothills of the Clinch Mountains along the Clinch River in southwestern Virginia, gave origin to a long road of travel for the Stanley Brothers. A guest appearance on WTEL, Johnson City, Tennessee, in May 1941 was their first radio experience. A hit in the very beginning, they were invited to appear on WHIS in Bluefield, West Virginia. There they received their first offer to enter Country Music employment with a salary of thirty dollars per week. Carter, then a senior in high school, president of his class and his FFA Chapter, and Ralph also a student in the same school, declined to accept the offer and stayed with their studies until both had received their diplomas.

In 1943 his country came calling and on the second day of that same month, Carter entered the Air Force at Ft. Meade, Maryland. His Air Force service ended with a discharge February 28, 1946. He immediately joined Roy Sykes and His Blue Ridge Mountain Boys, remaining a staff member of that group until Ralph's discharge from General Patton's 3rd. Army in Germany in September, 1946. With a determination, a devotion, and hardly any cash they organized The Stanley Brothers and The Clinch Mountain Boys. From that beginning November 2, 1946, they began a radio broadcast career in Norton, Virginia that took them to WCYB in Bristol, WRVA in Richmond; WPTF in Raleigh, WPAQ at Mt. Airy, WTOB in Winston Salem, North Carolina; KWKH in Shreveport, Louisiana and then to T-V stations in Bristol, Virginia, Huntington, West Virginia; Bluefield, West Virginia; Idaho Fall, Idaho; Tallahassee and currently WJXT in Jacksonville, Florida where they appear every Saturday afternoon 5:00 to 5:30. They also have a daily radio show on WNER in Live Oak, Florida.

In addition to a busy radio and T-V schedule they write while en-route by plane or automobile on their personal appearance tours over the nation more than ninety-five percent of the songs they record regularly on



Ralph

Carter

King Records that consistently sell at a top demand.

Having been rated one of the most authentic Country Music groups in America and voted in 1955 the best instrumental group in the nation by Country and Western readers poll, they received the C and W plaque immediately following their first release of their instrumental numbers.

In addition to appearing in many states as a group of the Nation's top Country Music entertainers, they have appeared regularly on the Old Dominion Barn Dance at Richmond, Virginia, the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport, Louisiana and are now appearing every Saturday night on the Suwannee River Jamboree in Live Oak, Florida. Carter and Ralph said recently, "We have never found a greater hospitality and more friendly people than here in Florida".



## WHITE DOVE

In the deep rolling hills of old Virginia  
There's a place I loved so well  
Where I spent many days of my childhood  
In the cabin where we used to dwell

### CHORUS

White doves will mourn in sorrow  
The willows will hang their head  
I'll live my life in sorrow  
Since Mother and Daddy are dead.

We were all so happy there together  
In our peaceful little mountain home  
But the Saviour needs Angels in heaven  
Now they sing around the great white throne.

As the years rolled by I often wonder  
Will we all be together some day  
And each night as I wander to the grave yard  
Darkness finds where I kneel to pray.

## THE STANLEY BROTHERS

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## THAT HAPPY NIGHT

Many years now have passed since I saw my darling last  
But she waits alone there for me  
I'll be going back some day and I never more will stray  
From the girl who has stood by me.

### CHORUS

I've about forgot the tune and the West Virginia moon  
But the North Carolina moon is just as bright  
I'll never forget the time when you promised to be mine  
The moon was shining down that happy night.

When I left her alone in our little mountain home  
I never thought of the day I'd return  
Now I'm coming back to you love I know you've been true  
What a price I've paid to live and learn.

## TRUST EACH OTHER

I've tried so hard to make you happy  
Offered all your heart allowed  
Somehow I just can't seem to reach you my darling  
You're always with that rowdy crowd.

### CHORUS

Our love is slowly dying darling  
To have each other is a must  
So why should we go on and suffer  
We'll have to trust each others trust.

We've heard the same things on each other  
Lies can tear true love apart  
So lets turn back and start all over my darling  
Trust each others trusting heart.

## KEEP A MEMORY

When I think about you darling  
I often hang my head and cry  
Words just can't explain my feelings  
Makes me wish that I could die.

### CHORUS

Keep a memory of our love dear  
Never ever let it stray  
Why betray a heart you've broken  
I'll find happiness some way.

When our old friends ask about you  
Many times I can't reply  
Just the thought of your name darling  
Makes me wish that I could die.

## THINK OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE

Heart to heart dear how I need you  
Like the flowers need the dew  
Loving you has been my life blood  
Can't believe we're really through.

### CHORUS

Is it true that I have lost you  
Am I not the only one  
After all this pain and sorrow  
Darling think of what you've done.

I'll go back to old Virginia  
Where the mountains meet the sky  
In those hills I learned to love you  
Let me stay there till I die.

"Pap" Napier



## CHRISTMAS IS NEAR

Out in the country about this time of year  
Everybody happy Christmas time is near  
Little children playing running to and fro  
Santa Claus coming riding on the snow

### CHORUS

I remember years ago when just a lad at home  
How I longed for Christmas time nothing could go wrong  
Now today as I look back it seems like just a year  
Going back to see'em all Christmas time is near.

Holly in the window fireplace burning bright  
Candlelights aglowing on Christmas night  
I'll see their smiling faces once again this year  
Waiting for me at the door Christmas time is near.

### SECOND CHORUS

I can see the pine trees now swaying here and there  
They seem to know its Christmas there's joy everywhere  
**Ice froze on the branches water cool and clear**  
Snow flakes a-falling Christmas time is near.



## HIGHWAY OF REGRET

I never thought this thing could happen  
I never thought you'd be untrue  
Or go away with another  
And break a heart that worshiped you.

### CHORUS

Ain't talking just walking  
Down this highway of regret  
Heart burning still yearning  
For the best gal this poor boy ever met.

It makes no difference where I wander  
You never seem to leave my mind  
Your face is always there before me  
I think about you all the time.

## WHO'LL CALL YOU SWEETHEART

Now who's been talking to you  
Somebody's been telling you wrong  
Things about me that you shouldn't believe  
I'll miss you sweetheart when you're gone.

### CHORUS

Now who will kiss your lips darling  
Who will call you sweetheart  
Oh who will tell you they love you  
For you once was my little sweet heart.

This talk that's going around town  
Some of it I know is not true  
About things that I've done and the places I've been  
For darling I've always loved you.

## LITTLE GLASS OF WINE

Come little girl let's go get married  
I love you so great how can you slight me  
I'll work for you both late and early  
At my wedding my little wife you'll be.

Oh Willie dear let's both consider  
We're both too young to be married now  
When we're married we're bound together  
Let's stay single just one more year.

He went to the bar where she was dancing  
A jealous thought came through his mind  
I'll kill that girl my own true lover  
Before I'll let another man beat my time.

He went to the bar and he called her to him  
She said Willie dear what do you want with me  
Come and drink wine with the one that loves you  
More than anyone else in the world said he.

While they were at the bar a drinking  
That same old thought came through his mind  
He'd kill that girl his own true lover  
He gave her poison in a glass of wine.

She laid her head over on his shoulder  
Said Willie dear please take me home  
That glass of wine that I've just drunken  
Has gone to my head and got me wrong.

He laid his head over on the pillow  
Let me read the law let me tell you my mind  
Molly dear I'm sorry to tell you  
We both drank poison in a glass of wine.

They folded their arms around each other  
They cast their eyes into the sky  
Oh God oh God ain't this a pity  
We both true lovers are bound to die.

## SO BLUE

You told me once you'd always love me  
And I thought Your love was true  
But now you've gone and found another  
Darling how I long for you.

### CHORUS

So blue so blue and heart broken  
All I do is sit and cry  
So blue so blue and broken hearted  
Darling please don't say bood-bye

I cried sweetheart the day we parted  
But you Didn't care for me  
Now our love is gone forever  
For today I'll set you free.

## LIFE OF SORROW

After traveling through this world of sorrow  
No one on earth to call my friend  
I'm on my way back to old Kentucky  
Where I met and loved but could not win.

I've always loved you little darling  
My heart will always feel the same  
I could never do one thing to hurt you  
I'd rather die than bring you shame.

When the cold dark shrowd is wrapped around me  
They lay my weary head to rest  
Will you stand around and gaze upon me  
For I'm the one that loved you best.

When your golden hair has turned to silver  
The Master calls your soul to Him  
Where we can be free from all our troubles  
I'll meet you there at journeys end.

## LOVE ME DARLING JUST TONIGHT

### CHORUS

Love me darling just tonight  
Take your arms and hold me tight  
Tomorrow you may hold another  
Love me darling just tonight.

Try to find true love in your heart  
Tomorrow we may not have to part  
But if you feel you must leave me  
Love me darling just tonight.

You say sweetheart you are leaving  
I hope you know the way thats right  
I pray to God you won't leave me  
Love me darling just tonight.

## I'M A MAN OF CONSTANT SORROW

I am a man of constant sorrow  
I've seen trouble all my days  
I bid farewell to old Kentucky  
The place where I was borned and raised.

For six long years I've been in trouble  
No pleasure here on earth I find  
For in this world I'm bound to ramble  
I have no friends to help me now.

It's farewell my old true lover  
I never expect to see you again  
For I'm bound to ride this Northern railroad  
Perhaps I'll die upon this train.

You can bury me in some deep valley  
For many years where I may lay  
Then you may learn to love another  
While I'm sleeping in my grave.

Maybe your friends think I'm just a stranger  
My face you never will see no more  
But there is one promise that is given  
I'll meet you on that golden shore,



## HOW MOUNTAIN GALS CAN LOVE

Riding tonight in the high cold wind  
On the trail of the old lonesome pine  
Thinking of you feeling so blue  
Wandering why I left you behind

### CHORUS

Get down boys go back home  
Back to the girl you love  
Treat her right never wrong  
How mountain gals can love.

Remember the night as we strolled down the lane  
Our hearts were gay and happy then  
You whispered to me as I held you close  
We hoped the night would never end.

## SHE'S MORE TO BE PITIED

She's there at the bar every evening  
Face powdered and cheeks painted red  
Her beauty has faded too early  
Brought on by the fast life she's led.

### CHORUS

She's more to be pitied and scolded  
She needs to be loved not despised  
Too much beer and wine too many good times  
The lure of a honky tonk wrecked her young life.

She once was the bell of the ball room  
She'd made some man a good wife  
But too many parties the wrong kind of crowd  
Has ruined her happy young life.

## IF THATS THE WAY YOU FEEL

I don't blame you for I know you want him  
That your love for me was never real  
I still need you and I want you with me  
But its alright if thats the way you feel.

### CHORUS

I know that I will always go on caring  
But my feelings now I must conceal  
I still need you and I want you with me  
But its alright if thats the way you feel.

I always knew some day I would lose you  
When those lies about me were revealed  
Its plain to see sweetheart you believed them  
But its alright if thats the way you feel.

## I LONG TO SEE THE OLD FOLKS

How I long to see the old folks  
Back home down on the farm  
Hear the whipper wills call at twilight  
There I'm safe and secure from all harm.

### CHORUS

I see the lamp light shining  
To light my way back home  
How I long to see the old folks  
How I long to be back home.

There's a cabin way down in old Virginia  
Where the mocking birds sing all day long  
Where the bees feed on the wild flowers  
Two old folks are waiting alone.

There's a brook running through the old plantation  
Beneath the shade trees where I played as a lad  
Where the cool southern breeze played the music  
At the old home with Mother and Dad

## A MEMORY OF YOUR SMILE

I'm walking from one bar to another  
I don't know where I'm going or where I've been  
No one I meet realizes  
I'm trying when I know I can't win.

### CHORUS

A memory of your smile it nearly drives me wild  
Ain't nothing ever goin change my mind  
I thought you'd be true I'd counted so on you  
I'm lost from a love I'll never find.

I wonder how this things going to wind up  
It gets worse day by day since you've gone  
If only you would come back and see me  
That's my only chance from now on.

## COULD YOU LOVE ME

Could you love me one more time  
With a love that really is mine  
I've waited so long they say you've gone wrong  
Could you love me one more time.

### CHORUS

I'll go down by the river  
I'll ask you my last time  
As the night breezes blow I'll whisper so low  
Could you love me one more time.

Do you think that I've believed  
This talk thats going around  
I've heard lots of things since you've been gone  
But darling I couldn't throw you down.

### CHORUS

I know that you're my weakness  
I know you'll be my down fall  
I'm not sorry we met I'll never forget  
Though I gave you my heart soul and all.



"Pop"

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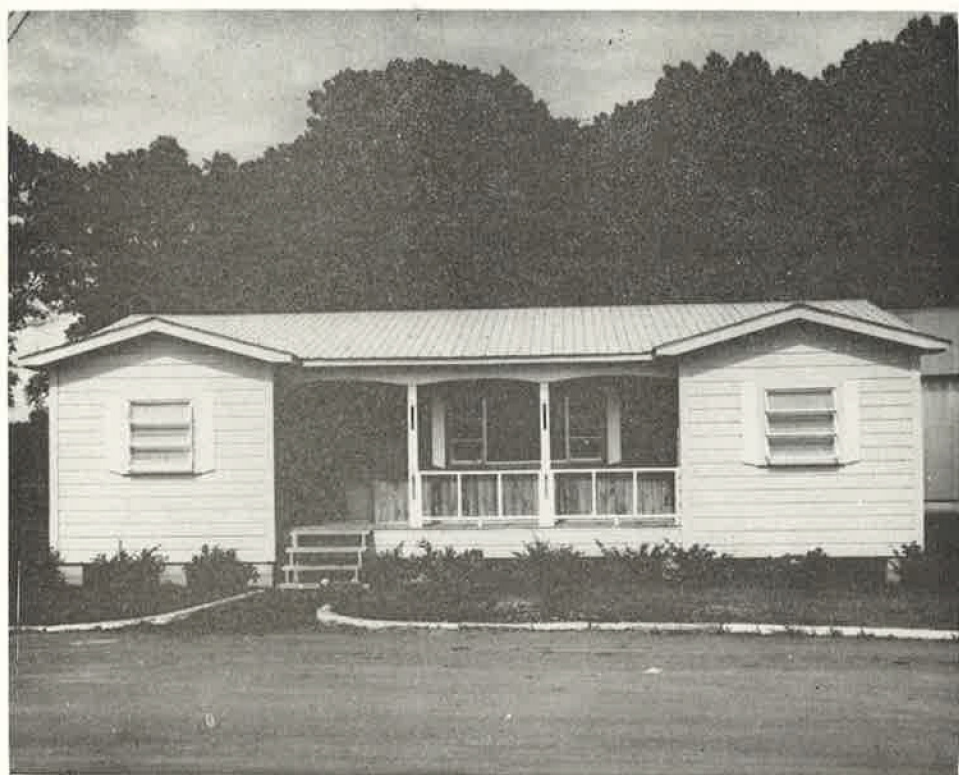
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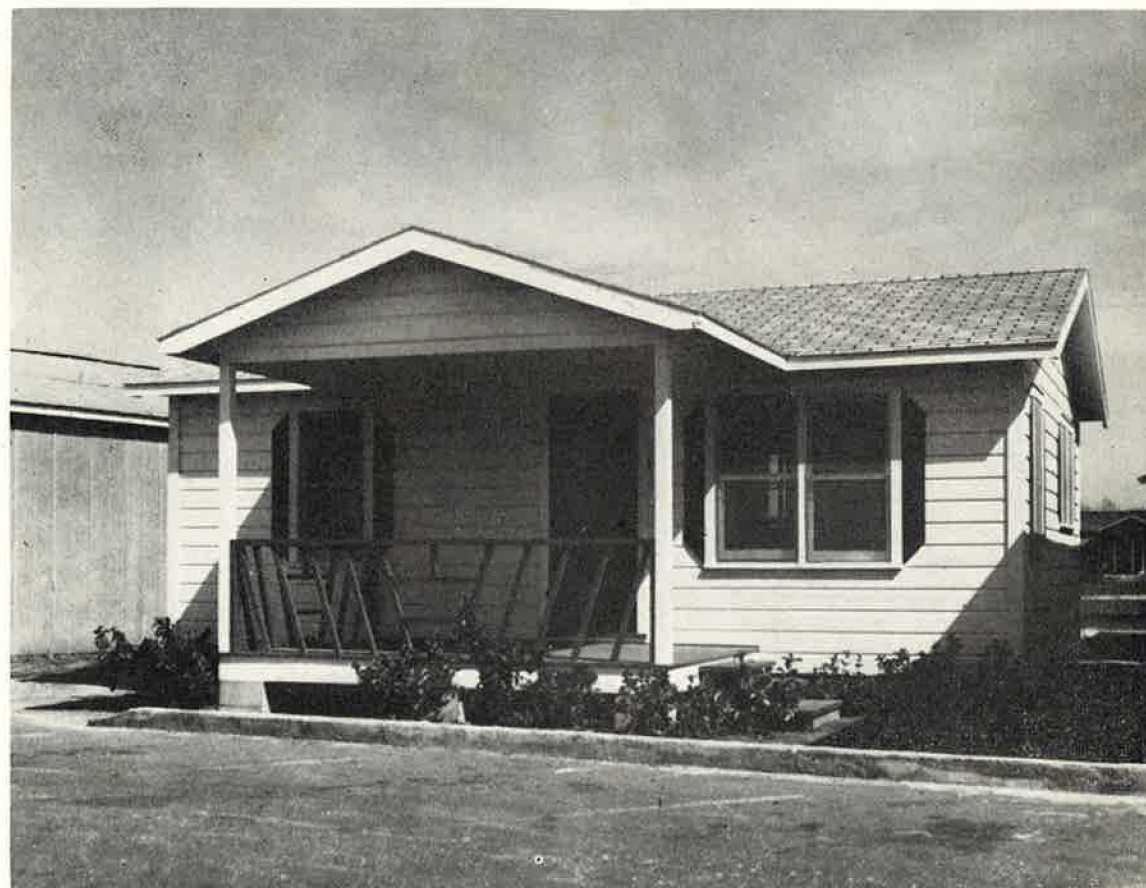


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# STANLEY BROTHERS' KING RECORDINGS

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Train 45                  | Clinch Mountain Backstep     |
| She's More To Be Pitied      | Heaven Seemed So Near        |
| 2. Mastertone March          | Your Selfish Heart           |
| Keep A Memory                | Darling Think Of What You've |
| 3. Midnight Ramble           | Done                         |
| Love Me Darling Just Tonight | How Mountain Gals Can Love   |
| A memory Of Your Smile       | Suwannee River Hoedown       |





Lindy Clear  
"Tennessee Mort"

## STANLEY BROTHERS

### ALL SACRED KING LONG PLAY ALBUM

He Said If I'd Be Lifted Up  
I'll Meet You In Church Sunday  
Morning  
Old Daniel Prayed  
White Dove  
Are You Afraid To Die  
Wings Of Angels

That Home Far Away  
I Know My Lord's Gonna Set Me Free  
Angel of Death  
This Wicked Path Of Sin  
How Can We Thank Him  
Mothers Footsteps Guide Me On

## SOME OF THE STANLEY BROTHERS MERCURY RECORDS

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| 1. The Heart You Stole Away<br>I'm Lonesome Without You    | Nobody's Love Is Like Mine<br>I'm Lost I'll Never Find The Way |
| 2. Blue Moon Of Kentucky<br>I Just Got Wise                | Angel Band<br>Lord Let Me Walk By Your Side                    |
| 3. Poison Lies<br>Dickenson County Breakdown               | Who'll Call You Sweetheart<br>Tragic Love                      |
| 4. You Better Get Right<br>So Blue                         | Clinch Mountain Blues<br>Could You Love Me                     |
| 5. I'm Lost I'll Never Find The Way<br>The Flood           | Just A Little Talk With Jesus<br>I Hear My Saviour Calling     |
| 6. I'll Never Grow Tired Of You<br>No School Bus In Heaven | Memories Of Mother<br>If That's The Way You Feel               |
| 7. Loving You Too Well<br>Life Of Sorrow                   | You're Still On My Mind<br>Orange Blossom Special              |
| 8. Harbor Of Love<br>Calling From Heaven                   | Day Break In Dixie<br>Our Last Good-Bye                        |
| 9. A Voice From On High<br>I Long To See The Old Folks     | Baby Girl<br>Say You'll Take Me Back                           |
| 10. Fling Ding<br>Hard Times<br>Big Tilda                  | I Worship You<br>Say Won't You Be Mine                         |

## SOME OF THE STANLEY BROTHERS COLUMBIA RECORDS

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. White Dove                   | 5. Little Glass of Wine       |
| Gathering Flowers For The       | Let Me Be Your Friend         |
| Masters Bouquet                 |                               |
| 2. I'm A Man Of Constant Sorrow | 6. I Love No One But You      |
| Lonesome River                  | Too Late To Cry               |
| 3. The Old Home                 | 7. Vision Of Mother           |
| The Fields Have Turned Brown    | Have You Someone Awaiting     |
| 4. Sweetest Love                | 8. Pretty Polly               |
| Wandering Boy                   | Its Never Too Late            |
|                                 | Hey, Hey, Hey, Let Me Be Your |
|                                 | Friend                        |

## STARDAY RECORDS

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Gonna Paint The Town          | 4. I Hear A Choo Choo Coming      |
| That Happy Night                 | Carolina Mountain Home            |
| 2. Christmas Is Near             | 5. Another Night                  |
| Holiday Picken                   | Midnight Train                    |
| 3. Beneath The Maple On The Hill | 6. You Love Me Just A Little At A |
| Trust Each Other                 | Time                              |
|                                  | Highway Of Regret                 |

## — Sacred Songs —

### ANGEL BAND

My latest sun is sinking fast  
My race is nearly run  
My strongest trials now are passed  
My triumph has begun.

### CHORUS

Oh come Angel Band  
Come and around me stand  
Oh bare me away on your snow white wings  
To my Immortal home  
Oh bare me away on your snow white wings  
To my Immortal home.

I've almost gained my heavenly home  
My spirit loudly sings  
The holy ones behold the come  
I hear the noise of wings.

### WINGS OF ANGELS

A child was borned to be our Saviour  
Wise men came from near and far  
To see sweet Jesus in the manger  
Their lights were guided by the star.

### CHORUS

Some day He'll wake me from the dead  
No more to sleep there all alone  
But carried up to Him on high  
On the wings of Angels headed home.

They crucified our Lord and Saviour  
He humbly died upon the cross  
That we might some day rise and join Him  
Our souls be saved and not be lost.



## LET ME WALK LORD BY YOUR SIDE

In our church house Sunday morning  
Stood a man unwelcome there  
Judged by man and not by Jesus  
Lifted up his voice in prayer.

### CHORUS

Steer me on the righteous pathway  
Help me humbly to abide  
Hold me to your precious bosom  
Let me walk Lord by your side.

Several silent moments followed  
Seemed like no one in that room  
Then a voice that roared like thunder  
Said look for me I'm coming soon.

Such a change I've never witnessed  
Tear filled eyes were plainly shown  
Gathered round that lonely stranger  
Saying God bless you welcome home.

## ANGEL OF DEATH

There's a beautiful way over the sea  
A place was prepared by Jesus for me  
I'm living the life I'll not go astray  
And be with my Lord in heaven someday.

### CHORUS

Soon the angel of death will come calling me  
And bare me beyond the beautiful sea  
By doing His will and obeying God's command  
I'll be standing at the gate by my Saviour's right hand

He tells in His word about joy with no end  
To those that believe a crown they shall win  
He lifted my burdens when in despair  
I'm going to heaven I know my Lords there.

## HOW CAN WE THANK HIM

He gave us our feet and he made us to walk  
He gave us our tongue and he made us to talk  
On Calvary He gave up His son  
Oh how can we thank Him for what He has done

### RECITATION

As we travel down this road of life the're  
Many things along the way that cause us to  
wonder. We know that in the beginning God  
created the Heaven and the earth, and dark-  
ness was upon the face of the deep.  
But God said let there be light and there was  
light. Then later on men that He had created  
became so wicked that God sent His son to save  
that which was lost.  
They scorned and they mocked him cause they  
didn't know what they were doing, and so on top  
of Calvary's mountain nailed to the cross, He  
lifted his eyes toward heaven and said Father I have  
completed the work thou has given me to do.

### REPEAT CHORUS

## A VOICE FROM ON HIGH

The Savior who died on cruel calvary  
He shed His life's blood that the world might be free  
So I'll follow his footsteps up the narrow way  
And be ready to meet Him when He calls on that day.

### CHORUS

I hear a voice calling, it must be our Lord  
Its coming from heaven on high  
I hear a voice calling, I've gained the reward  
For the land where we never shall die.

The Saviour has paid a great price for me  
He gave his life on Calvary  
So I'll follow His footsteps up the narrow way  
And pay our debt on the great judgement day.

## THAT HOME FAR AWAY

I've wondered away from the straight and the narrow  
Drifting like a ship lost at sea  
No lighthouse to guide my weary footsteps  
But Jesus has answered my plea.

### CHORUS

Oh Lord have mercy on this weary soul of mine  
Let me walk in Your light every day  
And when I cross that deep silent river  
I'll be happy in that home far away.

The lights are bright no longer I'm blinded  
From the bondage of sin I'm free  
He lifted me up to joyous salvation  
I'll live on eternally.

## HARBOR OF LOVE

There's coming a time on the great judgement morning  
When the Saviour will welcome you home  
Will you be prepared for the journey to heaven  
On the great ship that carries God's chosen ones home

### CHORUS

Oh the water's so deep on the river of Jordan  
And the light shines so bright from heaven above  
The midnight has passed a new day is dawning  
And the great ship will anchor in the harbor of love.

If you're wandering in sin away from God's teaching  
Won't you ask him to show you the way  
Fall down on your knees in the chapel next Sunday  
And meet all your friends in heaven some day.

## OH DANIEL PRAYED

I heard about a man one day who wasted not his time away  
He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
He cared not for the things avail but trusted one who never fails  
Oh Daniel prayer every morning noon and night.

### CHORUS

Oh Daniel served the living God while here upon earth he trod  
He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
He cared not for the Kings decree but trusted God to set him free  
Oh Daniel prayer every morning noon and night.  
They cast him in the Lions den because he would not honor men  
He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
Their jaws were locked it made him shout  
And God soon brought him safely out  
Oh Daniel prayed every morning noon and night.  
Now brother let us watch and pray like Daniel live from day to day  
He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
We too can gladly dare and do the things of God He'll take us through  
Oh Daniel prayed every morning noon and night.

## CRY FROM THE CROSS

One morning in Jerusalem about the break of dawn  
A great trial was in session they tried our blessed Lord  
They scorned him and they mocked him they made him carry the cross  
On top of Calvary's Mountain they crucified my Lord.

### CHORUS

Oh the cry from the cross  
Forgive blessed Father He died upon the cross  
Oh the cry from the cross  
The son of God was dying to save the world from loss.  
St. Peter he denied Him at that awful trial that night  
He said he never knew Him it was an awful sight  
He looked upon Saint Peter with eyes of perfect love  
Saint Peters heart was broken he prayed to God above.  
Crying Father it is finished then he bowed his head and died  
The world was left in darkness the grave were open wide  
An earthquake shook Jerusalem the dead walked in to town  
The multitudes were frightened God's wrath came pouring down.



## MOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS GUIDE ME ON

As a boy I learned of Jesus  
From my mother dear at home  
Gathered around her by the fireside  
Mother taught us right from wrong.

### CHORUS

Happy days I still remember  
Of a Mother long gone on  
Now rejoicing with the Angels  
Mothers footsteps guide me on.

Mothers love will always lead me  
As I journey on alone  
But there'll be a great reunion  
Mothers footsteps guide me on.

## I HEAR MY SAVIOR CALLING

My friends have gathered here around me  
They know I'll soon be on my way  
To live up there with Christ forever  
That lovely land so far away.

### CHORUS

I hear my Saviour now a calling  
He bids me now to come home  
I'll steadily follow in his footsteps  
I know He'll guide me safely home

In this world we're only strangers  
We have sinned and all done wrong  
But if you'll kneel in prayer my brother  
At journeys end He'll call you home.

I'm ready now for the journey  
I know I'll soon be on my way  
To live up there with Christ forever  
That lovely land so far away.

## *Autographs*

FROM  
THE STANLEY BROTHERS

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