

The  
**Stanley  
Brothers**



**Song Book and Album**

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# Biography

of  
CARTER AND RALPH STANLEY  
*"The Stanley Brothers"*

Carter and Ralph were born in Dickinson County, Virginia, near the small town of Clintwood. Carter was born August 27, 1925 and Ralph, February 25, 1927. These boys have been interested in old time music as far back as they can remember. They both served in the Armed Forces during World War II. About December 1, 1946, Carter and Ralph organized a band, known then and now as "THE STANLEY BROTHERS AND THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS." The first radio work for the new act was a few weeks with a radio station in Norton, Virginia. Then, on or about January 1, 1947, they went to work at a new station, WCYB, in Bristol, Virginia, with whom they've been associated with off and on ever since. The Stanley Brothers have worked on various other radio stations throughout the South-Eastern part of the country. In 1948, the Stanley Brothers were signed to a recording contract with Columbia Record Company, who they have recorded for ever since.

As for sports, they prefer hunting or fishing, but like most all kinds of games. Carter is married and has two small sons, Carter Lee, born September 29, 1947, and William Edmond, born July 3, 1949. Carter Lee was named after his father and grandfather. William Edmond, who is called Billy, was named after Ralph Stanley and Bill Monroe. In closing, the Stanley Brothers would like to say that they are grateful to their friends, who, by cooperating with their every effort, have made their show a success. Thanks so much for buying this book, every effort has been made to please you.





**Carter Stanley**



## *"Mother No Longer Awaits Me At Home"*

By Carter Stanley

One night while the moon from Heaven was  
shining,  
My mother was praying for me to come home;  
She asked her dear Lord to watch o'er me out  
yonder,  
To send me back home to never more roam.

When I left my old home way back in the  
mountain,  
I said I'd return with honor and fame;  
But a young, reckless heart turned wrong at the  
crossroads,  
Now as I go home I bring mother shame.

When I got to the place where I spent my child-  
hood,  
The silvery moon was shining so bright,  
When I asked my dear friends to tell me of  
mother,  
They said she was called to Heaven last night.

She told them of how she was longing to see me,  
How lonely our home since I went away;  
Said, "Darling, repent and ask forgiveness,  
And meet mother there in Heaven someday."

Mother has gone to live with the Angels,  
Her soul is at rest around the Great Throne,  
Now I have no one left here to advise me,  
For mother no longer awaits me at home.







Ralph Stanley



*Best wishes  
Ralph Stanley*

*"Little Birdie"*

As Sung by Ralph Stanley

Little birdie, little birdie,  
Come and sing to me your song,  
Got a short time to stay here,  
And a long time to be gone.

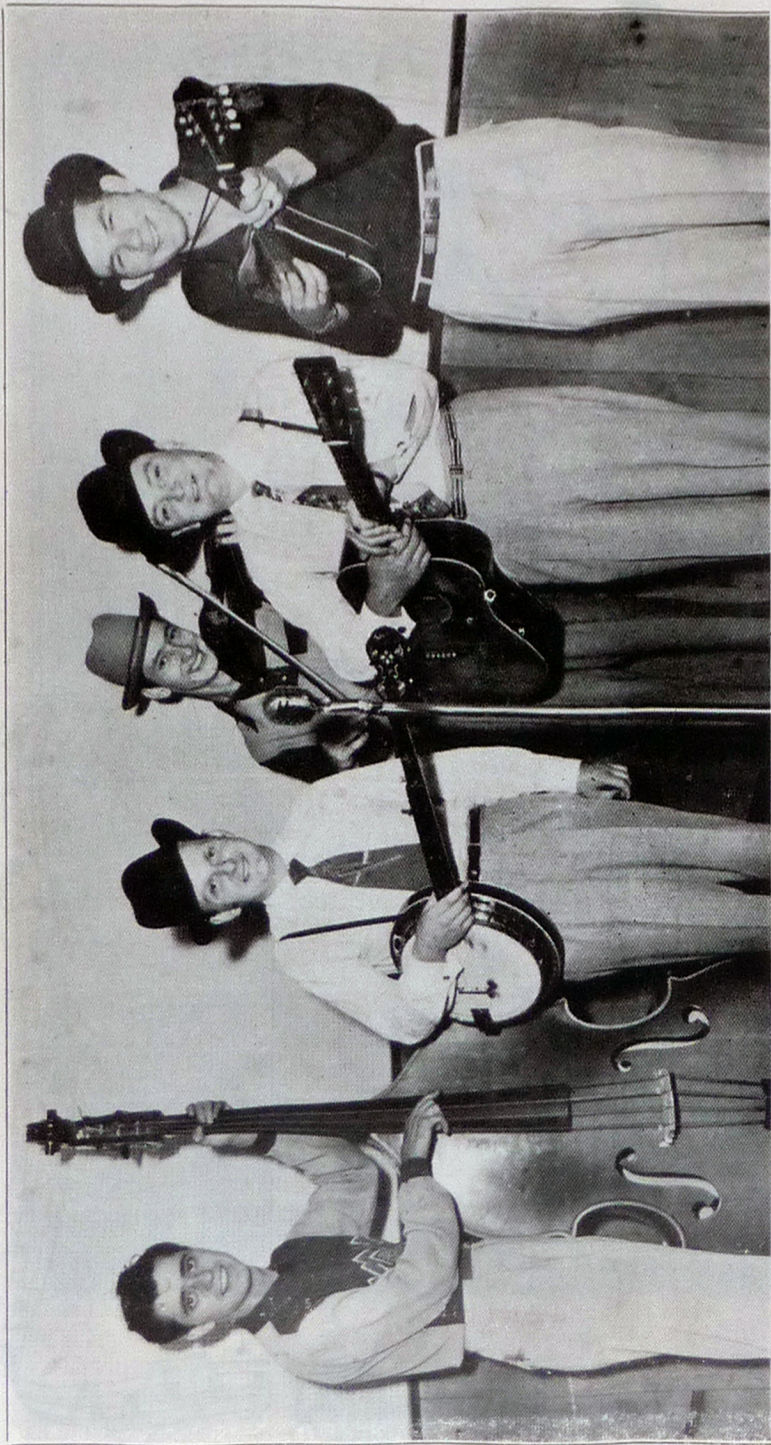
Rather be in some dark hollow,  
Where the sun don't ever shine,  
Than for you to be another man's darling,  
When you promised you'd be mine.

Little birdie, little birdie,  
What makes you fly so high?  
Cause you know that your true lover,  
Is waiting in the sky.

Little birdie, little birdie,  
Come and sing to me your song,  
You have caused me lots of trouble,  
You have caused me to do wrong.







## The Stanley Brothers and the Clinch Mountain Boys



### *"Our Last Goodbye"*

By Carter Stanley

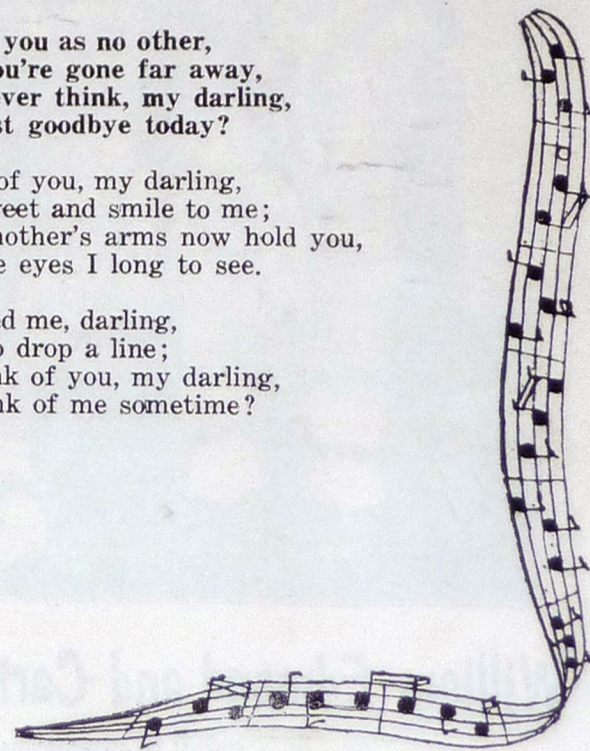
The nights are lonely here without you,  
All I see is grief and pain;  
For another's love you treasure,  
All our hopes now seem in vain.

Chorus:

For I love you as no other,  
Though you're gone far away,  
Will you ever think, my darling,  
Of our last goodbye today?

I often dream of you, my darling,  
You look so sweet and smile to me;  
And though another's arms now hold you,  
Those two blue eyes I long to see.

If you ever need me, darling,  
Don't forget to drop a line;  
I'll always think of you, my darling,  
Won't you think of me sometime?







**William Edmond and Carter Lee Stanley**

The Two Small Sons of Carter Stanley



### *"Our Last Love Letter"*

By Carter Stanley and Frank Brown

Today I was reading your love letter, darling,  
And it brought back sweet memories of you,  
But I know dear the past we can't live anymore,  
So, I'll treasure your last love letter.

#### Chorus:

An old love letter and a memory of you,  
It makes my life so blue, both night and day.  
The lines in your letter, they are faded from  
my tears,  
So, I'll treasure your last love letter.







## *"The White Dove"*

By Carter Stanley

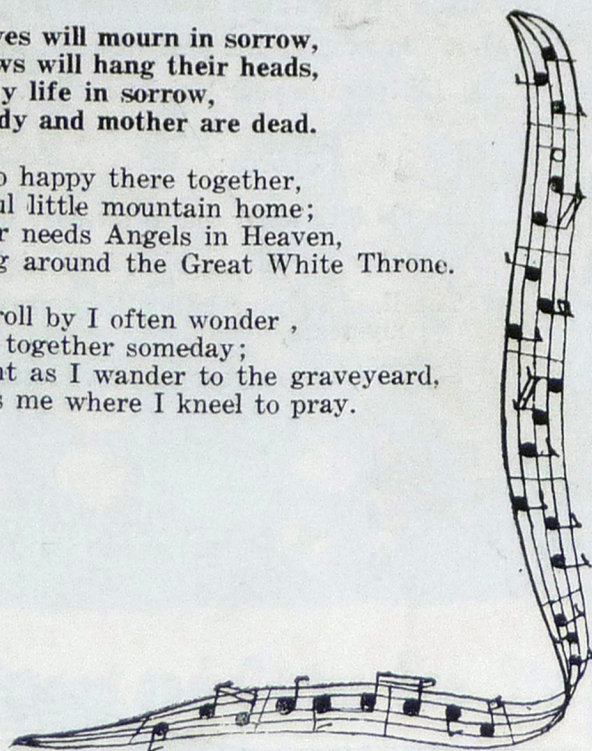
In the deep rolling hills of old Virginia,  
There's a place where I love so well;  
Where I spent many days of my childhood  
In the cabin where I love so well.

Chorus:

White doves will mourn in sorrow,  
The willows will hang their heads,  
I'll live my life in sorrow,  
Since daddy and mother are dead.

We were all so happy there together,  
In our peaceful little mountain home;  
But the Savior needs Angels in Heaven,  
Now they sing around the Great White Throne.

As the years roll by I often wonder ,  
Will we all be together someday;  
And each night as I wander to the graveyard,  
Darkness finds me where I kneel to pray.



## *"Sugar Coated Love"*

As Sung by Carter and Ralph Stanley

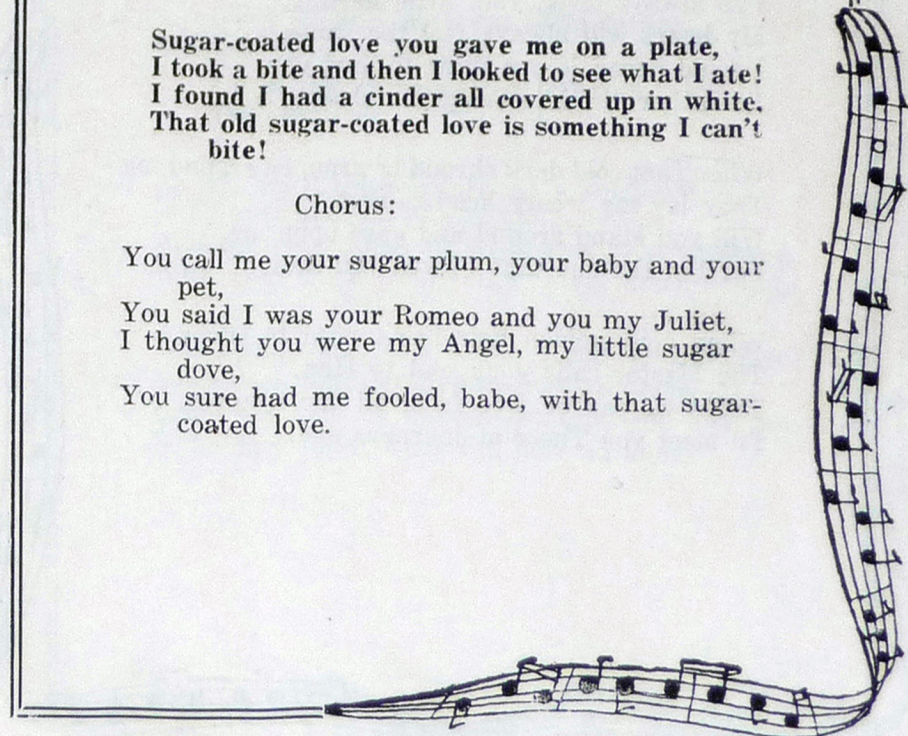
You say that you are leaving me for another man,  
That he has all the wealth and charm and not my  
kind of brand;  
Baby, I fell down on my knees pleading for your  
love,  
Can't understand what I saw in that sugar-coat-  
ed love!

Chorus:

Sugar-coated love you gave me on a plate,  
I took a bite and then I looked to see what I ate!  
I found I had a cinder all covered up in white.  
That old sugar-coated love is something I can't  
bite!

Chorus:

You call me your sugar plum, your baby and your  
pet,  
You said I was your Romeo and you my Juliet,  
I thought you were my Angel, my little sugar  
dove,  
You sure had me fooled, babe, with that sugar-  
coated love.







## *"A Life of Sorrow"*

By Carter and Ralph Stanley

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 that cold dark shroud 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's loved you best.

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



## *"Hey, Hey, Hey"*

By Carter Stanley

I saw you last night in my dreams, love,  
I awoke as the clock was striking four;  
But I didn't think that I'd meet you  
And now as you walk through the door.

Chorus:

**Come sit here with me, little darling,  
And allow me to say,  
I love you sweetheart, I love you,  
Hey, hey, hey!**

As you stood there before me I wondered  
If I'd ever get you off my mind,  
And the tears filled my eyes when you vanished,  
With your golden curls that hung down behind.

Won't you come back to me in my dreams, love,  
Some dark night while I'm here all alone,  
Could you tell me sweetheart that you love me,  
Some dark night when I'm here all alone.







## *"The Sweetest Love"*

By Carter Stanley

Here's a story of two childhood sweethearts,  
And the love that we shared still untold,  
How our simple little vows they were broken,  
And the love that I treasured more than gold.

Chorus:

Are you tired of the life that you're living?  
Does your mind wander back to the past?  
Do you think of the love you've forsaken?  
Darling, true love was too sweet to last.

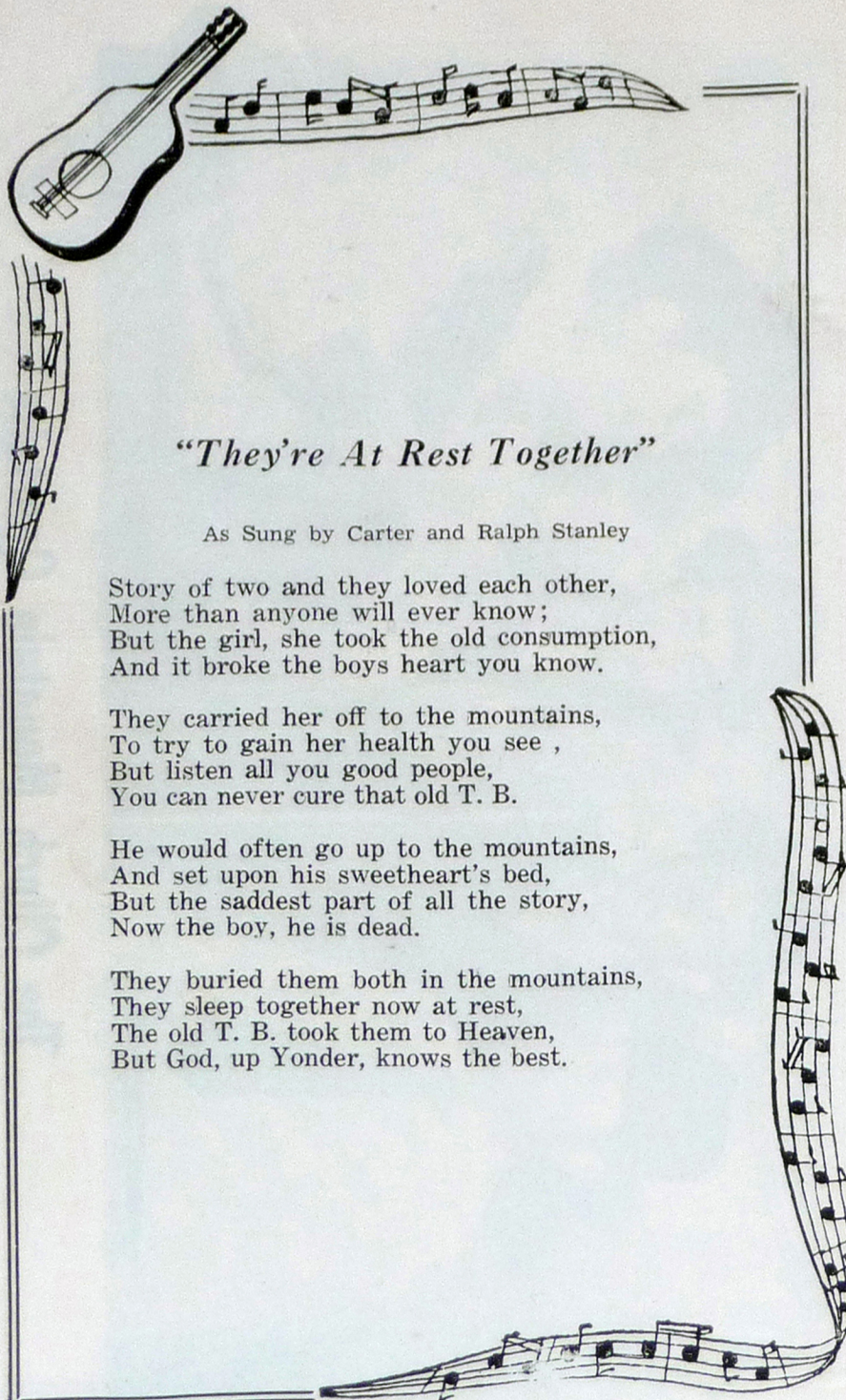
I remember that night in the moonlight,  
When you said that you'd found someone new,  
Do you realize the heartaches you caused me,  
You should know that my love was so true.

Alone now in sadness I'm traveling,  
I'm lost on the sea of regret,  
Wandering back to the place of my childhood,  
And the one that I've always loved the best.



*The Clinch Mountain Quartette*





### *"They're At Rest Together"*

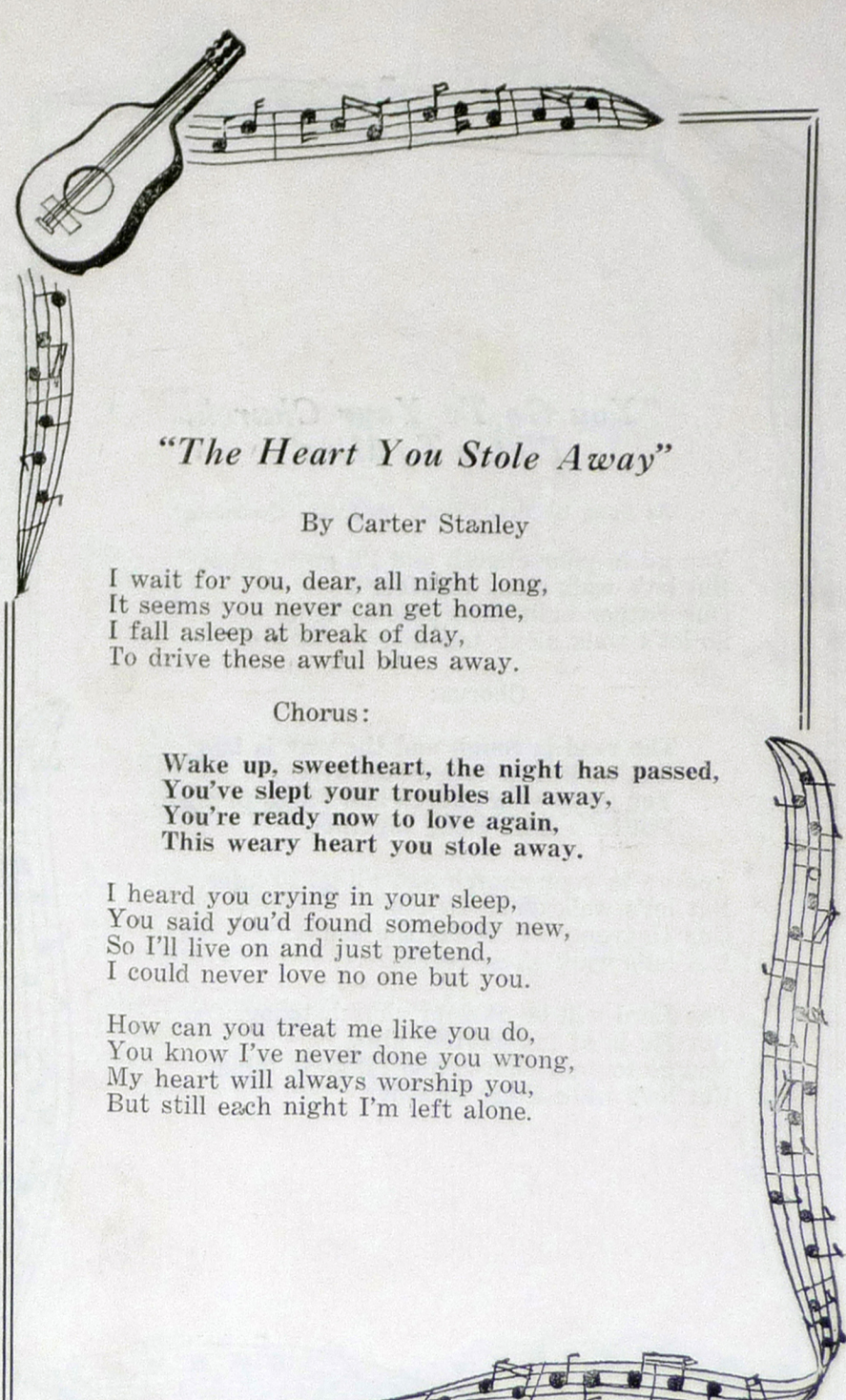
As Sung by Carter and Ralph Stanley

Story of two and they loved each other,  
More than anyone will ever know;  
But the girl, she took the old consumption,  
And it broke the boys heart you know.

They carried her off to the mountains,  
To try to gain her health you see ,  
But listen all you good people,  
You can never cure that old T. B.

He would often go up to the mountains,  
And set upon his sweetheart's bed,  
But the saddest part of all the story,  
Now the boy, he is dead.

They buried them both in the mountains,  
They sleep together now at rest,  
The old T. B. took them to Heaven,  
But God, up Yonder, knows the best.



### *"The Heart You Stole Away"*

By Carter Stanley

I wait for you, dear, all night long,  
It seems you never can get home,  
I fall asleep at break of day,  
To drive these awful blues away.

Chorus:

Wake up, sweetheart, the night has passed,  
You've slept your troubles all away,  
You're ready now to love again,  
This weary heart you stole away.

I heard you crying in your sleep,  
You said you'd found somebody new,  
So I'll live on and just pretend,  
I could never love no one but you.

How can you treat me like you do,  
You know I've never done you wrong,  
My heart will always worship you,  
But still each night I'm left alone.





## *"You Go To Your Church, I'll Go To Mine"*

As Sung by the "Clinch Mountain Quartette"

You go to your church and I'll go to mine,  
But let's walk along together ,  
Our Father built them side by side,  
So let's walk along together .

Chorus:

The road is rough and the way is long,  
But we'll help each other over,  
You go to your church and I'll go to mine,  
But let's walk along together.

You go to your church and I'll go to mine,  
But let's walk along together.  
Our Heavenly Father is the same,  
But let's walk along together.

The Lord will be at your church today,  
But He is at my church, also,  
You go to your church and I'll go to mine,  
But let's walk along together.



## *"Let's Part, The Best of Friends"*

By Carter and Ralph Stanley

Each night I dream of you, sweetheart,  
I can't see why we had to part;  
But there's no reason now to stay,  
For I'm only in the way.

Chorus:

Oh, how I long to see your face,  
Though there's someone in my place,  
Or just to hear your voice again,  
Darling, why not part the best of friends.

You say that you are happy now ,  
I'll try and forget the past somehow,  
But if your new love turns you down,  
Remember me, I'm still around.

I played the game of love and lost ,  
My broken heart has paid the cost ,  
And now that I am free to go,  
Somehow, sweetheart, I miss you so.





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