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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 Savior 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 journey's end he'll call you home.

I'm ready now for the journey
I know I'll soon be on my way
Sweet angels voices now will guide me
Oh heaven can't be far away.



Ralph and Carter with good friend Clyde Moody

THE DARKEST HOUR IS JUST BEFORE DAWN

The sun is slowly sinking
The day is almost gone
When darkness falls around me
Still we must journey on.

CHORUS

The darkest hour is just before dawn
The narrow way leads home
Lay down your soul at Jesus feet
The darkest hour is just before dawn.

Like a shepherd out on the mountain
Watching his sheep down below
He's coming back to claim us
Will you be ready to go.



LOVING YOU TOO WELL

I've held you close ten thousand times
You promised to be mine
You broke my heart ten thousand ways
When you kissed me your last time.

CHORUS

I'm weary, troubled, I can't sleep
This story I must tell
The worst mistake I ever made
Was loving you too well.

Another man took you from me
He stole your heart away
I've often prayed to God above
You'd wander back some day.



Carter and Ralph Stanley, Birch Monroe, Smokey Davis, Larry Richardson
Jim Williams, John Shuffler and others at the Brown County Jamboree
Bean Blossom, Ind.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS NEAR

Out in the country about this time of year
Everybody's 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 and nothing could go wrong
Now today as I look back it seems like just a year
I'm going back to see them all, Christmas time is near.

Holly in the window, fire place burning bright
Candle lights glowing on Christmas night
I'll see their smiling faces once again this year
Waiting for me at the door, Christmas time is near.

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



Carter, Ralph, Birch Monroe, Bill Napier and Jack Cook at Bean Blossom Indiana.

THE SWEETEST LOVE

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 our 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 forsaken
Darling true love was too sweet to last.

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'll always love the best.



COULD YOU LOVE ME

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

CHORUS

We'll go down by the river
I'll ask you one more 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
These things that's going around
I've heard lots of things that some how seem strange
But darling I couldn't throw you down.



Ralph standing beside the Clinch Mountain special
at Louisville, Ky.

OUR LAST GOODBYE

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

CHORUS

For I love you as no other
Now you're going 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 at me
And though another's love may hold you
These two blue eyes I long to see.

Now 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.



THE 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
And 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 drinking
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.

Then he went to the bar and he called her to him
She said Willie dear, what do you want with me
Won't you come and drink wine with the one that loves you
More than any one else in the world, said he

While they were at the bar a drinking
That same old thought came through his mind
I'll kill that girl my 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 draken
Has gone to my head and got me wrong.

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

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

I LOVE NO ONE BUT YOU

Tonight as I write this note
There's sorrow in my heart
I hate to say goodbye my love
But it's better that we part.

CHORUS

Don't think that I've grown tired of you
Or found somebody new
For you are all I've ever had
And I love no one but you.

Now when you read this note my dear
I hope you'll understand
And think of the one that loves you best
This broken hearted man.

Now that I've loved and lost
I hope you're satisfied
It'll be so hard to go through this world
With a broken heart inside.



Carter at outdoor park at Princeton W. Va.

HEY, HEY, HEY

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 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, hey.

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

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



Ralph and Carter Stanley on Stage at out door
park in Pennsylvania, Chubby Anthony with fiddle

A LONESOME NIGHT

In the pale moon light we quarreled one night
Our hearts were young and free
I left her there alone that night
I thought she was two timing me.

CHORUS

On a lonesome night and far from home
I heard a mournful sound
The girl I love is calling me
She thinks I've turned her down.

She begged me not to leave her there
She swore she had been true
But a jealous man would not believe
Oh, how I long for you.

So now I'm on my way back home
Sweet heart do you still care
I promise never to leave your side
And your love I'll always share.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Now darling I've tried, I've never done wrong
I've been fair to you, you know all along
Why treat me this way, you're breaking my heart
I'm lonesome for you, we're so far apart.

CHORUS

It's never too late to start over new
I've loved you so long you know I've been true
Please come back to me my heart is so blue
It's never too late to start over new.

Now when you are tired your new love's gone down
I hope you'll return, I'll still be around
I love you so well you know I will wait
Just remember these words, it's never too late.



The Stanley Brothers before broadcast WRVA
Richmond Va.

CALLING FROM HEAVEN

As you go along from day to day
No thoughts of God, no time to pray
Though he gave his life that you and me
In this old sinful world be free.

CHORUS

Oh the voice I heard from heaven's throne
Was Jesus calling for his own
It sounds so sweet the Lord was saying (to his children)
Are you lost in sin forever more.

Some people say they don't believe
But if you ask you shall receive
He'll lead you on to heaven's door
Where pain and sorrow is no more.

We've strayed so far from the word of God
This sinful path too long we've trod
Let's journey on and rejoin the band
And live with Him in glory land.



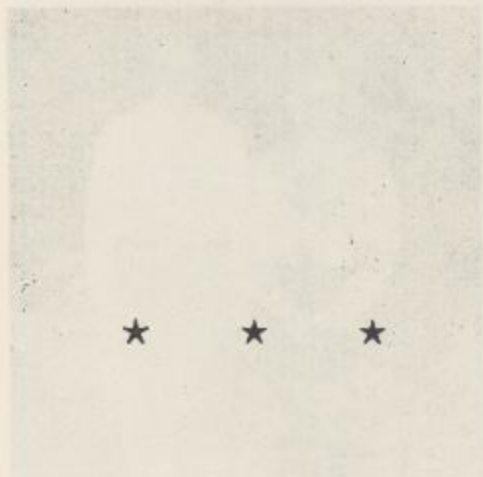
I'M LONESOME WITHOUT YOU

When we were young we loved each other
More than any one will know
But that day you found another
And you said that I must go.

CHORUS

Oh the road is rough and rocky
Since the day I last saw you
Another's won your heart forever
And I'm lonesome without you.

On down this lonesome road I wander
With nothing left for me to do
Wondering if I'll ever see you
And share the love that I once knew.



THE WEARY HEART YOU STOLE AWAY

I wait for you all night long
It seems you never do get home
I lie awake till the break of day
Just 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
But I'll live on and just pretend
I could never love no one but you.



Ralph and Carter in auditorium at Baltimore, Md.

THE FIELDS HAVE TURNED BROWN

I left my old home to ramble this country
My mother and dad said don't go wrong
Remember that God will always watch o'er you
We will be waiting for you here at home.

CHORUS

Son don't go away was what they both told me
Remember that love for God can be found
But now they're both gone this letter just told me
For years they've been dead, the fields have turned brown.

For many long years I've traveled this country
No thoughts of the day when I would return
Now as I go home to find no one waiting
The price I have paid to live and to learn.



Ralph at the farm with his horse Prince

THE WHITE DOVE

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

CHORUS

White doves will mourn in sorrow
The willows will hang their head
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 some day.
And each night as I wander to the graveyard
Darkness finds me where I kneel there to pray.



I'M LOST I'LL NEVER FIND THE WAY

Since you said that we must part darling you've broken my heart
I'm drifting like a ship lost at sea
In a world of despair it's so lonesome there
Why don't you come back to me.

CHORUS

Lonesome, lonesome, pining away
Now you say its best we part
Even though it breaks my heart
I'm lost and I'll never find my way.

You said you'd be true, no one else would ever do
I'd believed you with all my heart and soul
But you broke every vow, it's all over now
You left me in this world alone and cold.



THE FLOOD

Come listen good people, wherever you are
And hear a sad story you've been waiting for
About the flood of 57 as it happened to be
In Kentucky, old Virginia and East Tennessee.

How the rains came down as we often had seen,
To swell a broad river or some little stream
But this one was different and we soon realized
That the floods were raging and we fought for our lives.

Many were praying as never before
As the high, muddy waters came in through their doors
Some were left homeless, their life savings gone
But their lives had been spared and the cold rains came on.

Little babies were crying and others were sad
For in all our lives we'd seen nothing so bad
But the brave and the strong were there by the score
To help the sick and needy to safety on the shore.

How we all escaped it I never will know
It must a been God's will, it was not time to go
And by the help of His mercy some managed to smile
And face the disaster while the waters run wild.



THAT HAPPY NIGHT

Many years now have passed since I saw my sweetheart 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 you promised to be mine
The moon was shining down that happy night.

When I left her all alone in our little mountain home
No thoughts of the day I'd return
Now I'm coming back to you love I know you've been true
And I'll swear sweetheart I've lived and learned.



Stanley Brothers playing an out door show at
St. Paul Va.

NOBODY'S LOVE IS LIKE MINE

They tell me that you've found another
And now you'll be going far away
Why have you left me little darling
I've loved you both night and day.

CHORUS

Nobody's love is like mine
No one so faithful and kind
Love that is true as the ocean
Nobody's love is like mine.

I guess now I'll just go on dreaming
Wondering why it couldn't be
Some day little darling you'll be sorry
For the way you've treated me.



A VISION OF MOTHER

Oft my thoughts drift back to childhood
To the time when I was free
As I played before the fireside
Around my darling mother's knee.

CHORUS

There's a blessed home up yonder
Where my loved ones wait for me
I saw mother in a vision
Kneeling there to pray for me.

Then one day our mother left us
Daddy said she'd gone to rest
I remember how she loved me
As she clutched me to her breast.

Some sweet day I'll meet you mother
Your little boy is coming home
To see you as in days of childhood
The one you loved and left alone.



A 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 couldn't 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 shroud is wrapped around me
They lay my weary head to rest
Will you stand around and gaze upon me
For I'm the boy who 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 journey's end.



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 born 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 that 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 am 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 God's golden shore.



Carter, Chubby Anthony, and Curley Lambert on stage in Roanoke, Va. Carter is talking to Ronie Reno, son of Don Reno.

LONESOME AND BLUE

Lonesome, blue, heart broken
As here I sit alone
My sweetheart's gone and left me
Now every thing's gone wrong.

Her hair was dark and curly
And hung way down behind
But now she loves another
I'm riding on the blind.

I never rode a box car
Until she turned me down
I'll never love another
I'll never settle down.

On down this lonesome railroad
My back to the old home town
My path will always haunt me
And the girl who turned me down.



THE ANGELS ARE SINGING
(in heaven tonight)

Sweetheart I recall the day I first met you
I wonder if you remember the same
We talked of the love we had for each other
And longed for the day we'd change your name.

CHORUS

Oh I can still hear your voice in the evening
I see your sweet face, your blue eyes so bright
God took you away and left me so lonely
The angels are singing in heaven tonight.

As the years passed away we cherished each other
No worries or cares to darken our way
From our little home way back in the mountains
The Savior came down and called you away.

I'll always be true and love you my darling
I know you are happy and welcome up there
When God calls me home I'll meet you in heaven
Sleep peacefully darling, I'll meet you up there.



I JUST GOT WISE

Oh how I once longed for your loving
Your cheating I couldn't realize
But now that I found out you're stepping
I'm through with you baby, I got wise.

I know now you never cared about me
I think you've been lying all the time
Go back to that wild crowd you're used to
You go your way and I'll go mine.

REPEAT CHORUS

You ask me to meet you on the corner
You told me that we had things to do
But after I stood there and waited
You never showed up and I'm so blue.



Best wishes
Ralph Stanley

Curly Lambert
Best wishes
Doris Stanley

Best wishes
V Bill Naper

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