

Wayfaring Stranger

Key of A minor

Traditional Bluegrass Standard

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I am a poor way-far-ing stran - ger___ trav-el - ing through___ this world of woe.

___ There is no sick___ ness, toil, or dan - ger___

in that bright land___ to which I go___

I'm go - ing there to see my fa - ther___

and all my loved ones who've gone on,

I'm just go-ing___ o-ver Jor - dan___ I'm just go-ing___ o-ver home___

ABOUT THIS SONG

The words appeared in *The Christian Songster* in 1858. The melody reached print by 1893. Both are in the public domain, so this page is yours to copy and hand around. Jams call the song in A minor. Singers move it to D minor or E minor when they need the room. Listen for the two notes outside the scale near the end of each half, the D sharp and the G sharp. They are what pull the phrase home.

ALL VERSES

I am a poor wayfaring stranger,
Traveling through this world of woe,
There is no sickness, toil, or danger,
In that bright land to which I go.

I'm going there to see my father,
And all my loved ones who've gone on,
I'm just going over Jordan,
I'm just going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,
I know my pathway's rough and steep,
But golden fields lie out before me,
Where weary eyes no more shall weep.

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

I'll soon be free from every trial,
This form will rest beneath the sun,
I'll drop the cross of self-denial,
And enter in my home with God.

I'm going there to see my Savior,
Who shed for me his precious blood,
So I'm just going over Jordan,
I'm just going over home.