

I Wonder as I Wander

The image shows the musical notation for the song 'I Wonder as I Wander'. It consists of two staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the first four measures, and the second staff contains the next four measures, starting with a measure number '5' at the beginning. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Bm, G, D, A7, Bm, G, Bm on the first staff; and G, D, Bm, D, Em on the second staff.

1. I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor on'ry peo-ple like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.
2. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of the ages it then did recall.
3. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have seen it, 'cause he was the King.

repeat verse 1

John Jacob Niles claimed to have collected this carol in Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina in 1933. It was published in **Songs of the Hill Folk** (1934). Some academics believe this song lacks characteristics of folk melodies, i.e.: it was possibly composed by Niles.