

11. I'm a pilgrim and I'm a stranger

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I'M A PILGRIM (anonymous) *Hymns Religious and Patriotic for Soldiers and Sailors* (1861), No. 30

I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger,
I can tarry, I can tarry but a night,
Do not detain me, for I am going
To where the fountains are ever flowing.

Chorus:

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There the glory is ever shining
O, my longing heart, my longing heart is there.
Here in this country so dark and dreary
I have wondered forlorn and weary:

There's the city to which I journey;
My Redeemer, my Redeemer is its light!
There is no sorrow nor any sighing.
Nor any tears there, nor any dying.

Farewell, dreary earth, by sin so blighted,
In immortal beauty soon you'll be arrayed!
He who has formed thee will soon restore thee!
And then thy dread curse shall never more be.

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger, I can tarry, I can tarry but a night. Do not de-tain me, for I am going To where the streamlets are ever flowing—". The score includes performance directions: "FINE." at the end of the second system and "D. C." at the end of the fourth system. The page number "32" is printed at the bottom center.

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