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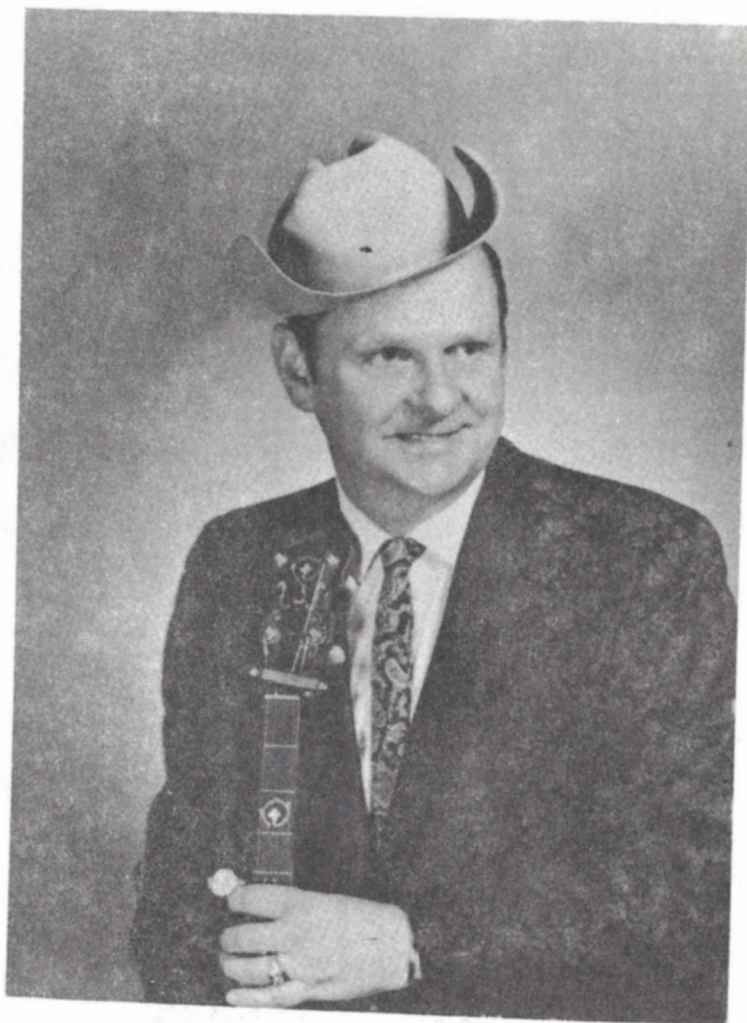
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RALPH STANLEY — was born February 25, 1927, in Dickenson County, Virginia. He graduated from Ervinton High School at Nora, Virginia in 1945. Fourteen days later, at age of 18 years, he entered the U. S. Army, serving one year in General Patton's Third Army in Germany (World War II.) After his discharge in October, 1946, he, with his brother, Carter, organized what was known as "The Stanley Brothers and Clinch Mountain Boys." This band was very active until Carter's death in December, 1966.

During their 20 years together they recorded over 500 songs and instrumentals. They toured in 42 states and seven foreign countries. Since Carter's passing on December 1, 1966, Ralph has carried on with the show and has recorded three long-play albums, two of which have been released. Ralph says he misses Carter very much but has no intention of quitting as long as you people support him as you have in the last year and a half. Ralph wants to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the wonderful way you (his fans) have received him and his "Clinch Mountain Boys."

CURLY RAY CLINE — was born near Gilbert, W. Va., and started playing the fiddle when very young. He was one of the original "Lonesome Pine Fiddlers" until two years ago when he began playing the fiddle with "The Stanley Brothers" and now Ralph Stanley.

MELVIN GOINS — was born in the state of West Virginia. His first professional work was with the "Lonesome Pine Fiddlers." He has been with this show for nearly three years. He plays rhythm guitar and doubles on comedy as "Big Wilbur."

LARRY SPARKS — joined Ralph Stanley immediately after Carter passed away and has been with the show since that time. He sings lead and plays lead as well as rhythm guitar. Larry was born in Lebanon, Ohio, and began playing "Stanley Brothers" songs at a very young age. He is the youngest member of the show and this was his first professional job in show business.



MRS. LUCY STANLEY — (Ralph's Mother)



TIMOTHY STANLEY — (Ralph's Son)



STANLEY BROTHERS — (Ralph and Carter)



BILL MONROE & RALPH STANLEY
(With Awards won at Columbus, Ohio in 1967)



CARTER STANLEY (with his horse)

"CARTER'S SONGS"

I'm a man of constant sorrow, I've got the rambler's blues
I long to see the old folks, my sinful past is through
The girl behind the bar, and a little glass of wine
Dear girl can you forgive me, could you love me one more time.

You are the sweetest love, I'll never grow tired of you
My weary heart you stole away, now I'm so lonesome and blue
Think of what you've done, nobody's love is like mine
I'm loving you too well, how you've tortured my mind.

I just came from your wedding, it's too late to cry
Who will call you sweetheart, and believe those poison lies
Keep a memory darling, let's part the best of friends
My darling's gone, it's never too late to love again.

A life of sorrow I'm living, since our last goodbye
On this lonesome river I'm drifting, the flood is raging high
The old home is waiting, I feel like going home
The white dove is calling, the fields have done turned brown.

(Osborne Thorpe)



CARTER'S GRAVE

"IN MEMORY OF CARTER STANLEY"

In the beautiful hills way back in Virginia
 In sight of his home where he played as a lad
 In a deep dark grave Carter Stanley is sleeping
 There lies the best friend that I ever had.

For twenty-one years he traveled this country
 Entertaining his fans wherever he roamed
 For many thousands he made life brighter
 But now he's at rest near his old home.

He wrote songs of the Clinch Mountains, of mother and dad,
 his friends and home
 Through forty-three states and many foreign countries
 Wherever he traveled his name was known.

Now he's at rest, in the family graveyard
 On top of a hill where the wind blows o'er
 Gone on now but will not be forgotten
 The songs he left will live evermore.

He laid down his guitar but will always be remembered
 On earth for the last time he has sung "The White Dove"
 Forever in Heaven, Carter will be singing
 Singing in Heaven, with the angels above.



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"I WANNA GO HOME"

I know my days will soon be over
I'm growing old, tired and weak
I'll soon be singing with my loved ones
My heavenly home I will seek.

CHORUS—

When my journey here has ended
And no more on earth to roam
I'll lay down my earthly treasures
Oh Lord I wanna go home.

I long to see my friends and loved ones
Who's crossed the swift and rolling tide
They're safe at home in the house with Jesus
Far beyond on the other side.

(Carter Stanley)



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"I FEEL LIKE GOING HOME"

CHORUS—

Oh I feel like going home feel like going home
Feel like going home Lord I feel like going home
I'm on my way as I know
And there's no one here to stop me now
I can see the gates of Heaven
And I feel like going home.

Oh I've started for the kingdom and I'm on my journey home
I'll reach a better country I feel like traveling on
And my Saviour's going with me every day I feel
Him near with his presence here.
It cheers me and my every fear.

Oh I'm in the land of and its for my soul
I'm nearing Cannan's borders and soon to reach my goal
I'm dwelling on a mountain in sight of Cannan's stand
I'm drinking of a fountain flowing through the Godly Land.

(Arranged by Stanley Brothers)

"WHAT KIND OF MAN"

Oh He healed the sick and He raised the dead
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is.
Oh He healed the sick and He raised the dead
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is.

CHORUS—

What kind of man, what kind of man
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is.
What kind of man, what kind of man
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is.

Oh He walked the Sea of Gallilee
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is.
Oh He walked the Sea of Gallilee
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is.

He made the lame to walk and the blind to see
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is
He made the lame to walk and the blind to see
Tell me what kind of man Jesus is.

(Ralph Stanley & Larry Sparks)

"JORDAN"

Oh! Come and let you tread life's journey
Take Jesus as your daily guide
Though you may feel fear and safely
Without him walking by your side.

But when you come to make the crossing
At the ending of his pilgrim way
If you ever will meet our Saviour
You'll surely meet him on that day.

CHORUS—

Now look at that "Oh Jordan"
Look at its "deep waters"
Look at that "wide river"
Oh hear the mighty billows roar
You'd better take "Jesus with you"
He's a "true companion"
For I'm "sure without him"
Then you never "will make it home."
That awful day of judgment
Is coming in the bye and bye
We'll see the Lord descending
In glory from on high.

Oh! Let us keep in touch with Jesus
And let's keep the love of God
We may be ever so ready
When he calls us over Jordan ties.

Oh what "Oh what you gonna do?"
Oh what "Oh what you gonna say?"
Oh how "Oh how you gonna feel?"
When you come to the end of the way.

(Arranged by Stanley Brothers)

"WHAT A PRICE"

CHORUS—

What a price you paid for me
What a debt I owe Lord to thee.

How great is my debt oh savior
How much do I really owe thee
How could I repay just a fraction
Of what you suffered for me.

You've saved my soul from destruction
When you died upon that tree
Forgiveness from sin a new spirit Lord
My debt is so great to thee.

How could I repay you dear savior
What sacrifice could I make
To you most holy and righteous
How much Lord would it take.

(Ralph Stanley & Gene Duty)

"GOD'S HIGHWAY"

CHORUS—

Lord draw me a map of God's highway
It's the only road that leads home
No one can travel these for me
Please Jesus don't leave me alone.

No radar or speed traps to watch for
And there'll be no ice on the road
There's only one highway patrolman
To help me deliver my load.

Good friends I've known crossed over
Come upon a no detour sign
I'm waiting for the final dispatching
This driver will be there on time.
Please Jesus don't leave me alone.

"RANK STRANGER"

I wandered again to my home in the mountains
Where in youth's early dawn I was happy and free
I looked for my friends but I never could find them
I found they were all a rank stranger to me.

CHORUS—

Everybody I met (everybody I met)
Seemed to be a rank stranger* (seemed to be a rank stranger)
No mother or dad (no mother or dad)
Not a friend could I see (not a friend could I see)
They knew not my name (they knew not my name)
And I knew not their faces (and I knew not their faces)
I found they were all (I found they were all)
Rank strangers to me (rank strangers to me)
Rank strangers to me.

They've all moved away said the voice of a stranger
To a beautiful home by the bright crystal sea
Some beautiful day I'll meet them in Heaven
Where none will be a stranger to me.

(Arranged by Stanley Brothers)

"ARE YOU READY"

CHORUS—

Are you ready (ready to go home)
Are you sure you know the Savior
Are you persuaded (persuaded to go home).

Let me ask you this dear sinner
While here on earth you trod
Do you ever take time to consider
The day when you'll have to come face to face with God.

Christian friend the Lord is coming
We've learned it from His Son
Will be carried up there to meet him
When we meet Him in the air will he say "well done."

(Carter Stanley & Gene Duty)

"VISION OF THE PROMISED LAND"

I was on my knees a-praying
When Jesus spoke to me
Saying come and let's go to heaven
What a wonderful sight you'll see.

CHORUS—

What a wonderful saviour (is my Lord)
We read about (we read about)
But now I've found him
To me there is no doubt.

He lifted me up in a heaven
And placed me on a throne
He showed me things of beauty
That made me want to go home.

He built a home in heaven
After bidding this world goodbye
And when you see what I did
You'll wanta go home on high.

You can read in the Holy Bible
It tells about God's plan
How to reach that home in heaven
In the beautiful promised land.

(Ralph Stanley)

"A FEW MORE SEASONS"

Mother was first called to Heaven
Left our home all alone
Dad took sick and soon joined her
They're reunited on God's throne.

CHORUS—

A few more towering days face us
A few more weary nights will come
We'll all be on our way to Heaven
When a few more seasons come.

In springtime when the flowers blossom
Spreading their fragrance through the air
Walking through the little church yard
Soon we'll all be resting there.

(Arranged by Stanley Brothers)

"I'LL BE WITH DAD AND MOTHER"

How well I remember when I was a lad
I had a precious mother, and a kind loving dad
They're at home in heaven, no more here below
I'm so homesick to see them, and I'm ready to go.

CHORUS—

I wanna see Jesus, He redeemed my soul
Be with dad and mother, when they go marching in
When they go marching in, when they go marching in
I'll be with dad and mother when they go marching in.

Other loved ones are still here below
But I feel sad and lonely, no matter where I go
I'll keep trusting Jesus, look beyond the sky
I'll be with dad and mother, no more to say goodbye.

(Ralph Stanley & Melvin Goins)

"THAT HOME FAR AWAY"

CHORUS—

Oh Lord have mercy on this weary soul of mine
May I walk in your light every day
And when I cross that deep silent river
I'll be happy in that home far away.

I wandered away from the straight and the narrow
Drifting like a ship lost at sea
No light out to guide my weary footsteps
But Jesus answered my plea.

The lights are bright, no longer I'm blinded
From the bondage of sin I'm free
He lifted me up to enjoy salvation
I'll live on eternally.

(Ralph Stanley)

"ANGEL OF DEATH"

There's a beautiful land far over the sea
A place was prepared by Jesus for me
I'm living the life I'll not go astray
And be with my Lord in Heaven someday.

CHORUS—

Soon the angel of death (soon the angel of death)
Will come calling me (will come calling me)
And hear me beyond (and hear me beyond)
That beautiful sea (that beautiful sea)
By doing His will (by doing His will)
And obeying God's command (and obeying God's command)
I'll be standing at the gate (I'll be standing at the gate)
By my savior's right hand.

He tells in his word about joy with no end
To those that believe a crown they shall win
He lifted my burden when in despair
I'm going to heaven, I know my Lord's there.

(Carter Stanley)

"MOTHER NO LONGER AWAITS ME"

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 over 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'll bring mother shame.

When I got to the place where I'd spent my childhood
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 her home since I'd went away
Said darling repent and ask for forgiveness
And meet mother there in Heaven some day.

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.

(Carter Stanley)

"JUST DREAMING"

I dream of eyes that shine like diamonds
A smile that would melt the deepest snow
A love that's true and would last forever
A love that will never let me go.

CHORUS—

Just dreaming, yes dreaming
Dreaming of the love I'll never know

It seems I've always been a loser
Nobody has ever cared for me
And yet I long to search for true love
A love I know that can never be.

(Carter Stanley)

"HOW CAN WE THANK HIM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE"

CHORUS—

He gave us our feet and he made us to walk
He gave us our tongue and he made us to talk
On calvary he gave up his son
Oh, how can we thank him for what he has done.

TALK—

Friends, as we travel down this road of life
We see many things along the way
That causes us to wonder
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth
And darkness was upon the face of the depth
But God said let there be light and there was light.
Then later on this earth men that he had created became
So wicked that he sent his only son to save that which
Was lost. They scorned him and they mocked him cause
They didn't know what they was doing. So on top of
Calvary mountain nailed to the cross he lifted his eyes
Toward heaven and said father I've completed the work
Thou has given me to do.

(Carter & Ralph Stanley)

"LONESOME"

Lonesome to feel your arms around me
Lonesome to feel my arms around you
Lonesome to kiss those sweet lips that once were mine
Lonesome for your sparkling eyes of blue.

I come in at night to a home so lonesome
The patter of their little feet as they run and hide
It's not the faucet that you hear but the dripping of my tears
Wishing to the Lord that I could die.

I've heard of the words they call lonesome
Though many I had no idea
If you don't know what it means
I've had a shadowed dream
I can tell you exactly how it feels.

(Ralph Stanley and Windy Smith)

"SHE'S MORE TO BE PITIED

She's there at the bar every evening
Face powdered, her cheeks painted red
Her beauty has faded too early
Brought on by the fast life she's led.

CHORUS—

She's more to be pitied than scolded
She needs to be loved, not despised
Too much beer and wine
Too many good times
The lure of a honky-tonk wrecked her young life.

She once was the belle of the ballroom
She'd made some man a sweet wife
But too many parties, at the wrong kind of power
Ruined her happy young life.

LAST CHORUS—

She's more to be pitied than scolded
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The lure of a honky-tonk wrecked her young life
Too much beer and wine
Too many good times
The lure of a honky-tonk wrecked her young life.

(Carter Stanley)

"SHARECROPPERS SON"

We moved here from somewhere when I was fourteen
Worked this poor ground for bacon and beans
The landlord told me hard times near
It didn't mean a thing cause they're already here.

CHORUS—

Daylight till dark and my work's never done
The Lord'll have mercy on this sharecropper's son.

Mama's got the fever and the baby's sick too
Papa's up town soaking up that brew
Just out of prison says he ain't going back
Ain't a bloodhound in Georgia that can follow his track.

Bought a new mule brought him up from down South
He'd kick a chew of tobacco right out of your mouth

Can't take a bath on a Saturday night.

Crops are all wilted no rain day or night
The preachers here for dinner and we ain't got a bite
Eleven in the family ten daughters and a son
Mama's just told us there'd be another one.

"PREPARE ME O'LORD"

(Carter & Ralph Stanley)

I'm a long lost sinner dear Lord you know
I'm out in this world all alone.
Prepare me O'Lord to sail on that ship,
That ship that is sailing home.

I had a mother and a father but now I have none
They're gone to their home on high
Prepare me O'Lord to sail on that ship
That ship that is sailing home.

The nights are so long and the days are so sad
They seem like a year to me
Prepare me O'Lord to sail on that ship
That ship that's sailing home.

(Arranged by Ralph Stanley)

"OVER THE SUNSET HILL"

Over the sunset hill you've gone
You've fought life's battles, the victory won
You've toiled and suffered through lonely years
Shared our sorrows, our joys, and tears.

CHORUS—

Over the sunset hill you have gone
Leaving fond memories to linger on
Our loving master called your name
The chariots swung low and the Angels came.

You've carried your cross and won your crown
You bore life's burden without a frown
You laughed and smiled though feeble and weak
You asked one and all the Savior to seek.

(Ralph Stanley)

"TAKE ME HOME"

Take me home dear Savior take me home.

CHORUS—

I'm alone in this world I'm weary of life
I'm alone in this world I'm alone
I'm alone in this world I'm weary of life
Take me home dear Savior take me home.

My father's gone to glory I'm alone in this world
Oh father's gone to glory I'm alone in this world
Father's gone to glory I'm alone in this world
Take me home Dear Savior take me home.

Mother's gone to glory I'm alone in this world
My mother's gone to glory I'm alone in this world
Mother's gone to glory I'm alone in this world
Take me home Dear Savior take me home.

(Arranged by Stanley Brothers)

"DON'T STEP OVER AN OLD LOVE"

All the things that we have done together
All the joys and sorrows that we've shared
Made me feel our love would last forever
Now I know you never really cared.

CHORUS—

Don't step over an old love
To get to somebody new
Don't step over an old love
Who'll always has been true to you.

When my back was turned he caught your fancy
And he turned an innocent affair
Into something more than just a friendship
While my dreams all crumbled into despair.

Now you think you're happy with your new love
You don't know he's been untrue to you
Wait until you hear the whole town talking
Then you'll feel these heartaches like I do.

(Arranged by Stanley Brothers)

"YOUR SELFISH HEART"

I'm going away to stay awhile
Just to ease my weary mind
You never cared for me my love
So I'm leaving you behind.

CHORUS—

It's been this way so long, my dear
Why can't you understand
Your selfish heart broke up our home
Just for another man.

I'll try to live my life alone
On through these lonely years
I'll keep your picture here with me
To dry these bitter tears.

"FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW"

Some folks like the summer time
When they can walk about
Strolling through the meadow green
It's pleasure there's no doubt.
But give me the winter time,
When the snow is on the ground.

CHORUS—

I traced her little footprints in the snow
I found her little footprints in the snow
But I blessed that happy day, that Nellie lost her way
For I found her when the snow was on the ground.

I dropped in to see her
There was a big round moon
Her mother said she's just stepped out
But would be returning soon
I found her little footprints and I traced them thru the snow
For I found her when the snow was on the ground.

Now she's up in Heaven, with the Angel Band
Some day I'll go to see her in that promised land.
For every time the snow falls, it brings back memories,
For I found her when the snow was on the ground.

"HOW YOU'VE TORTURED MY MIND"

Darling, you left me and you said goodbye
My heart is broken, I wish I could die
I find it so hard to try to love someone new
There's no use pretending I can't forget you.

I hope you'll be happy wherever you go
Once you were faithful and I loved you so
Now you found what you wanted and I wish you well
What happens to me now nobody can tell.

Just remember you left me and you said goodbye
My heart's still broken and we both know why
Somewhere sometime somebody I'll find
God only knows how you've tortured my mind
God only knows how you've tortured my mind.

(Carter Stanley and Peggy Stanley)

"WHITE DOVE"

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

CHORUS—

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

We were all so happy there together
In our peaceful little mountain home
But the Saviour needs angels up in heaven
And 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 wonder to the graveyard
Darkness finds me where I kneel to pray.

(Carter Stanley)

"I'M BETTER OFF NOW THAT YOU'RE GONE"

I once had a sweetheart to love me
But now she's proven untrue
She found a new love to treasure
That's why I'm lonesome and blue.

CHORUS—

The lies that you told me are over
The heart you've broken is stone
And friends they tell me I'm lucky
I'm better off now that you're gone.

You broke my heart when you left me
I've always counted on you
But now you've strayed with another
Little girl what more could I do.

Some day I know you'll be sorry
You left my poor heart astray
You seemed to think it was funny
But some day darling you'll pay.

(Carter and Ralph Stanley)

"THE KITTEN AND THE CAT"

CHORUS—

Hey gal watch it now I can't swaller that
Things ain't a-shaping up here from where I'm at
Old sleepy's come alive again now what do you think of that
I'll be gone long gone when the kitten starts toten the cat.

Now you've been gone too many nights with the girls uptown
I've stayed here with the babies I've never let you down
I don't know where you're going I don't know where you're at
But I'll be gone long gone when the kitten starts toten the cat.

I brought you from the backwoods do you remember that
You came to town a kitten now you think you're a cat
There's lots of little mice around but you want the top rat
So I'll be gone long gone when the kitten starts toten the cat.

"LOVE PLEASE STAY"

I see the sun sinking low on the mountain
And the pale moon will soon begin to shine
Like the fresh budding roses of springtime
You know your love is in this heart of mine.

CHORUS—

Love, love, please stay
Just try to stay and be true
Don't leave me here so lonely
Feeling the way that I do.

The cold lonely nights are getting closer
And the leaves have begun to turn brown
The snow will soon start to falling
It will fall 'til it covers the ground.

Love is made like the seasons
Like some days are good and some are bad
It gets to be a big, big problem
Trying to figure out the good from the bad.

(Ralph Stanley & Melvin Goins)

"MIDNIGHT STORM"

We were wed in the hills of old Virginia
We were happy there together all alone
But I strayed away from my darling
Through this dark and storm night I'm going home.

CHORUS—

When the high wind blows from Heaven
I whisper your name alone
I'm on my way back darling
As the midnight storm rolls on.

When the cold dreary rain starts falling
And the clouds hide the bright golden moon
As I see her face there before me
I can cry as I sing this lonesome tune.

(Stanley Brothers)

"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.

You've wondered around, you've been so unfair
You've treated me wrong, somehow I still care
Why not change your mind, it's never too late.
It's hard to go on with love as your fate.

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

(Carter Stanley)

"SEEK JESUS" (HE STILL MAY BE FOUND)

CHORUS—

Turn not away from the Saviour
Claim your heavenly crown
Don't wait too many days longer
Seek Jesus, he still may be found.

Well at last the harvest is falling
And the golden grains turn brown
Don't wait too many days longer
Seek Jesus, he still may be found.

Almost all my friends are gone
They've found their reward in the sky
But sometimes I get homesick for heaven
To live with Jesus on high.

(Carter Stanley & Gene Duty)

"WINGS OF ANGELS"

CHORUS—

Someday he'll wake me from the dead
No more to sleep there all alone
But carried up to him on high
On the wings of angels heading home.

A child was born to be our Saviour
Wise men came from near and far
To see little Jesus in the manger
Their pathway lighted by the star.

They crucified our Lord and Saviour
He humbly died there on the cross
That we might someday rise and join him
Our soul be saved and not lost.

(Carter Stanley)

"HEMLOCKS AND PRIM ROSES"

Just thinking of you while out for a ramble
Down by the cold frosty stream
Sat down on a bed of hemlocks and prim roses
Gently I fell into a dream.

I dreamed I saw a pretty fair maiden
Such beauty I'd never seen before
Her dress was bound round with hemlocks and prim roses
So green was the mantel she wore.

Her hair was of a dark brown color
Her teeth was a ivory so white
Her eyes were like two sparkling diamonds
Of stars that shine on a cold frosty night.

I drew her near then I awakened
With two empty arms and you on my mind
Heaven seemed so near while I was dreaming
It hurts to know you left me behind.

(Stanley, Cline and Messer)

"WORLD OUTSIDE"

In this dreary hole of darkness
These doors will never swing wide
But will be my home forever
But it's a wonderful world outside.

The jury says I'm guilty
The judge said ninety and nine
The warden says there's no chance for pardon
To your wonderful world outside.

I knew not where she would lead me
I didn't know of a husband at home
The last words he said before I shot him
You're not the man that I've been watching for so long.

(Carter and Ralph Stanley)

"SWEET SALLY BROWN"

Now every day I get a little bit older hey sweet Sally
Every day I get a little bit bolder Ho sweet Sally
Every night when I go to sleep hey sweet Sally
I dream of blue eyes and lips so sweet ho sweet Sally.

CHORUS—

Hey sweet Sally the prettiest girl in town
Ho sweet sally I love sweet Sally Brown

I help her carry her books to school hey sweet Sally
I ain't too big but I ain't no fool ho sweet Sally
I'm not big enough to go to school like Sally and brother
So I give her a kiss by the schoolhouse door and go back home with
mother.

Now ma says I can't ask her to wed that would be too mean
For you see I'm only five years old and Sally's seventeen
But age don't matter when it's true love the way that I love
So I'll eat my food and grow real big then I'll be big like Sally.

(Ralph Stanley and Windy Smith)

"YOU NEVER COULD BE TRUE"

I gave you every chance to be true,
But it seems like that's too much for you,
I took you back when you were running around,
When you promised me you had settled down.

CHORUS—

You're just the kind that never could be true,
You break my heart with everything you do,
It's better that I leave and start again,
With you sweetheart I know I can't win.

There's just no use trying to live with you,
There's something wrong you never could be true,
You tear me up with your rambling ways,
Then you come back and say you're home to stay.

It hurts me to think not long ago,
You were the one that I loved so,
You wake up with rambling on your mind,
And away you go, to always be that kind.

(Ralph Stanley and Jene Duty)

"KEEP A MEMORY"

CHORUS—

Keep a memory of our love, dear
Never ever let it stray
While this heart you've broken
I'll find happiness some way.

When I think about you darling
I often hang my head and cry
Words just can't explain my feeling
Just to know I've lived a lie.

When old friends ask about you
Many times I can't reply
Just the thoughts of your name, darling
Makes me wish that I could die.

(Carter Stanley)

"I AM A MAN OF CONSTANT SORROW"

I am a man of constant sorrow,
I've seened 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 have to ramble,
I have no friends to help me now.

It's fare-you-well, my old true lover,
I never expect to see you again.
For I'm bound to ride this 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 the 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.

(Ralph Stanley)

"IN HEAVEN WE'LL NEVER GROW OLD"

In the Bible we read of a city
With streets that are paved with pure gold
We will live in that city forever
And there we shall never grow old.

CHORUS—

In Heaven we'll never grow old
In Heaven we'll never grow old
We'll live in that city forever
And there we shall never grow old.

In the Bible we read of a river
That runs by the throne we are told
We will drink of the life giving water
And there we shall never grow old.

Then we read of the earth's weary pilgrims
Who have lived here through hunger and cold
They've at last reached their harbor in safety
And there they shall never grow old.

(Arranged by Stanley Brothers)

"A LITTLE SOLDIER FOR JESUS"

I am a little scholar, I daily go to school
To learn of Master Jesus, His perfect Holy Rule
The scholars they all love him, He is so kind and free
Come all you careless sinners, and go to school with me.

I am a little christian, The Lord has made be so
All over a new creature, what wonders can he do
I love the things I hated, I hate the things I loved
My Master's preparing me, to reign with Him above.

I am a little shepherd, I feed my master's sheep
All over the fields and meadows, wherever they may be
What my Master gives me, I feed it to the flock
It is so sweet and pleasant, it's honey from the rock.

I am a little preacher, I preach the Gospel truth
What ever my Master gives me, I freely give to you
And when my heart is empty, I go to the Master's store
He smiles in love upon me, and gives me all the more.

I am a little soldier, enlisted in this war
To fight my Masters battles, till I can fight no more
And when this war is over, I'll lay my armor down
Reservations are made in Heaven, to wear a stary crown.

(Ralph Stanley & O. Thorpe)

"THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

CHORUS—

Oh thou long expected Jesus
Born to set his people free
Then died upon the Cross of Calvary
Just as much for you as he did for me.

Friends I'd like to have a minute or two with you
If you don't mind to tell you a little story
I read about in the Bible
This story was of Jesus and mankind.

Now back before the birth of our Great Savior Jesus Christ
Some people didn't believe although it had been
Phophesied that such a man would be born to
Set His people free.

After this great Savior was born there were still
Some people who thought He was a fake and
Began making plans His life to take.

So friends the reason Jesus so humbly
Died upon Calvary's Rugged Cross was to
Save His people and see that they and this world
Would not be lost.

(Ralph Stanley)

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