

I Wonder As I Wander

An Appalachian Carol [Am]

Set by *Luciano Berio* (1925-2003) [It], from *Folk Songs, #2*; *Jake Heggie* (1961-) [Am], from *On the Road to Christmas, #4*; *John Jacob Niles* (1892-1980) [Am]

	I	wonder	as	I	wander	out	under	the	sky,
(MA)	[a:I	'wʌn.de	æz	a:I	'wan.de	a:ʊt	'ʌn.de	ðʌ	ska:I] ¹
(GA)	[a:I	'wʌn.də	æz	a:I	'wan.də	a:ʊt	'ʌn.də	ðʌ	ska:I]

	How	Jesus	the	(our)	Savior	did	come	for	to	die.
(MA)	[ha:ʊ	'dʒi.zəs	ðʌ	a:ʊɹ	'se:I.vjə	dɪd	kʌm	fɔɹ	tu	da:I]
(GA)	[ha:ʊ	'dʒi.zəs	ðʌ	aə	'se:I.vjə	dɪd	kʌm	fɔə	tu	da:I]

	For	poor	on'ry	people	like	you	and	like	I...
(MA)	[fɔɹ	pɔə	'ɔn.rɪ	'pi.pəl	la:ɪk	ju	ænd	la:ɪk	?a:I]
(GA)	[fɔə	pʊə	'ɔn.rɪ	'pi.pəl	la:ɪk	ju	ænd	la:ɪk	?a:I]

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(GA)	[a:I	'wʌn.də	æz	a:I	'wan.də	a:ʊt	'ʌn.də	ðʌ	ska:I]

	When	Mary	birthed	Jesus	'twas	in	a	cow	stall,
(MA)	[wɛn	'mɛ.rɪ	bɜθt	'dʒi.zəs	twəz	ɪn	ʌ	ka:ʊ	stɔl]
(GA)	[wɛn	'mɛ.rɪ	bɜθt	'dʒi.zəs	twʌz	ɪn	ʌ	ka:ʊ	stɔl]

	With	wise	men	and	farmers	and	shepherds	and	all.
(MA)	[wɪð	wa:ɪz	mɛn	ænd	'fɑɹ.mɛz	ænd	'ʃɛp.ɛdz	ænd	ɔl]
(GA)	[wɪθ	wa:ɪz	mɛn	ænd	'fɑə.rməz	ænd	'ʃɛp.ədz	ænd	ɔl]

	But	high	from	the	Heavens	a	star's	light	did	fall,
(MA)	[bʌt	ha:I	fɹʌm	ðʌ	'hev.ənz	ʌ	stɑɹz	la:ɪt	dɪd	fɔl]
(GA)	[bʌt	ha:I	fɹʌm	ðʌ	'hev.ənz	ʌ	stɑəz	la:ɪt	dɪd	fɔl]

	And	a	promise	of	ages	it	then	did	recall.
(MA)	[ænd	ʌ	'pɹʌm.ɪs	ɔv	'e:ɪðʒ.ɪz	ɪt	ðɛn	dɪd	ɹɪ.'kɔl]
(GA)	[ænd	ʌ	'pɹʌm.ɪs	ʌv	'e:ɪðʒ.ɪz	ɪt	ðɛn	dɪd	ɹɪ.'kɔl]

	If	Jesus	had	wanted	for	any	wee	thing,
(MA)	[ɪf	'dʒi.zəs	hæd	'wan.tɪd	fɔə	'æ.nɪ	wɪ	θɪŋ]
(GA)	[ɪf	'dʒi.zəs	hæd	'wan.tɪd	fɔə	'æ.nɪ	wɪ	θɪŋ]

	A	star	in	the	sky	or	a	bird	on	the	wing,
(MA)	[ʌ	stɑɹ	ɪn	ðʌ	ska:I	ɔə	ʌ	bɜd	ən	ðʌ	wɪŋ]
(GA)	[ʌ	stɑə	ɪn	ðʌ	ska:I	ɔə	ʌ	bɜd	ən	ðʌ	wɪŋ]

¹ The IPA transcription is given in both Mid-Atlantic (MA) and General American (GA) pronunciation.

	Or	all	of	God's	angels	in	Heav'n	for	to	sing,
(MA)	[ɔɐ	ɔl	av	ɡadz	'e:ɪn.dʒəlz	ɪn	hevn	fɔ̃	tu	sɪŋ]
(GA)	[ɔə̃	ɔl	ʌv	ɡadz	'e:ɪn.dʒəlz	ɪn	hevn	fɔə̃	tu	sɪŋ]

	He	surely	could	have	it	'cause	he	was	the	King.
(MA)	[hi	'sʊɹ̩.li	kʊd	hæv	ɪt	kɑz	hi	wɑz	ðə	kɪŋ]
(GA)	[hi	'sʊə̃.li	kʊd	hæv	ɪt	kʌz	hi	wʌz	ðə	kɪŋ]

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