

The Wayfaring Stranger

(Traditional, likely early 1800's)

Covers by Burt Ives, Joan Baez, Glen Campbell, Emmylou Harris, Johnny Cash, Neil Young, Frankie Laine, Joni Mitchell, Jack White, Dusty Springfield, Natalie Merchant, and Ed Sheeran, among others

Suggested strumming pattern: Pluck-Strum (Pluck top string on 1, then strum beats 2, 3, 4)

Intro: [Dm] [Dm] [Gm] [Dm] [Dm-HOLD]

Verse 1:

[N/C] I am a [Dm] poor — wayfaring stranger
Traveling [Gm] through — this world be- [Dm] -low
But there's no sick-ness, toil, nor danger
In that bright [Gm] land —to which I [Dm] go [Dm-HOLD].

Chorus 1a:

[N/C] I'm going [Bb] there —to see my [F] father
I'm going [Bb] there — no more to [A] roam [A-HOLD]
[N/C] I'm only [Dm] go-in' over Jordan
I'm only [Gm] go-in' over [Dm] home. [Dm-HOLD]

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE:

[N/C – COUNT 2-3-4] [Dm] [Dm] [Dm] [Dm]
[Gm] [Gm] [Dm] [Dm]
[Dm] [Dm] [Dm] [Dm]
[Gm] [Gm] [Dm] [Dm-HOLD]

Verse 2:

[N/C] I know dark [Dm] clouds — will gather o'er me
I know my [Gm] way — is rough and [Dm] steep
But golden fields — lie just before me
Where weary [Gm] eyes — no more will [Dm] weep. [Dm-HOLD]

Chorus 1b:

[N/C] I'm going [Bb] there —to see my [F] mother
She said she'd [Bb] meet —me when I [A] come [A-HOLD]
[N/C] I'm only [Dm] go-in' over Jordan
I'm only [Gm] go-in' over [Dm] home. [Dm-HOLD]

Verse 3:

[N/C] I'll soon be [Dm] free — from every trial
This form shall [Gm] rest — beneath the [Dm] sod
I'll drop that cross — of self denial
And enter [Gm] in — my home with [Dm] God. [Dm-HOLD]

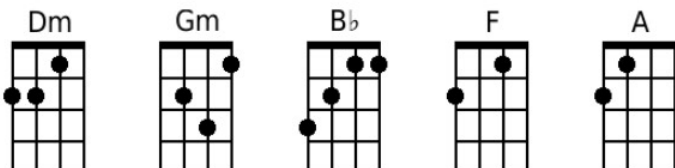
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OUTRO:

[N/C] I'm only [Dm] go-in' over Jordan
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GCEA



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