

I Wonder As I Wander CHRISTMAS Appalachian Folksong

Sung by Annie Morgan, July 1933, Murphy, North Carolina. Collected by John Jacob Niles
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MUSIC SHEET

3/4 time (pu = 1)
 TEMPO: 84 BPM

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 dedicated to our Zech. 2:10 YHWH God, 10 Dec 2018
 Album: Amazing CHRIST 'n' Christmas
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“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.” -- Romans 5:8 NKJV

VERSES											
<i>Osborne TExt-Based Notation (OTEN) -- see website tab for full explanation</i>											
1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+

chord	Gm					Gm				
pre-1a						—		—		I
melody	X					—		—		vD

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chord	Gm					Gm				
1,4a	won-	der		as	I	WAN-	DER		out	
2a Ma-	ry		birthed	—	Je-	sus,		'twas	
3a Je-	sus		had		want-	ed		for	
4a	....	SEE LINE 1 ABOVE.								
melody	^G	vD		G - G		^B	A		G	

	Gm					D7				
1,4b	un-	der		the		sky,	—		How	
2b	in	a		cow's		stall	—		with	
3b	AN-	Y		wee		thing,	—		a	
melody	F	(F)	vD	—	vBb	C	—		D	

1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+
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	Gm					Gm				
1,4c	Je-	sus,		The		Sav-	ior		did	—
2c	wise	men		and		farm-	ers		—	and
3c	star	in		the		sky,	or		—	a
melody	^G	vD		G		^Bb	A		(G)	G

	Gm					Gm				
1,4d	come	for		—	to	die.....			for	
2d	shep-	herds,		—	and	all.			BUT	
3d	bird	on		—	the	wing,			or	
melody	^Bb	A		—	G	G	—		vD	

1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+
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	Gm /F		Gm /E
1,4e	poor	orn-	'ry
2e	high	from	God's
3e	ALL	of	God's
<i>melody</i>	^G	vD	G
			^Bb
			A
			- G

	Gm		F
1,4f	you	and	l.
2f	star's	light	fall,
3f	Heav'n,	for	sing,
<i>melody</i>	^Bb	A	G
			F
			+
			vD (D)

1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+
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	Gm /C		Bbm	Gm
1,4g	won-	der	as I	WAN-
2g	Prom-	ise	of the	ag-
3g	SURE-	ly	could have	HAD
<i>melody</i>	^G	vD	G - G	^Bb
				^D
				-DER
				-es:
				it:

	Gm		Gm	
1,4h	.....	out	un-	der
2h	.....	it	then	did
3h	.....	'cause	He	was
<i>melody</i>	(D)	G (.... A)	^Bb	vG
				- vD
				- the
				- re-
				- The

	Am7 /G			
1,4i	sky.	_____	_____	(WHEN)
2i	call. **	< *Zech 2:10, John 1 God come to DWELL with us >		(IF)
3i	King.	_____	_____	(I)
<i>melody</i>	vC	-	-	low D

1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+
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Song Story.

Arranged by DianaDee Osborne and recorded 10 December 2018 to be used at Christmas Eve Service... because I cannot sing this song in public.... Even in private, I always weep: Just *thinking* of the lyrics makes me weep FOR GOD... Hebrews 12:3, How we've grieved **HIM**.

This is SUCH a sad song: God loves us SO much and has done SO much for us-- "The World", all people (John 3:16-17).... Yet even we who say we love Him keep hurting Him over and over.... So I created a recording with which I could play guitar, with the words easy to hear and worship / THANK God for His First Christmas Gift.... without my voice trembling and breaking.

FUN PERSONAL NOTE: I've "slept in the Walmart parking lot" in the mountainous Murphy NC where this song was found... on various trips to Tennessee & Alabama:)

Published Song Story of this public domain traditional 19th century Appalachian FOLK SONG....

as told by John Jacob Niles who traveled & collected this and other folk songs >>

INFO SOURCE: <https://www.john-jacob-niles.com/music.htm>

"I Wonder As I Wander' grew out of three lines of music sung for me by a girl who called herself Annie Morgan. The place was Murphy, North Carolina, and the time was July, 1933.

The Morgan family, revivalists all, were about to be ejected by the police, after having camped in the town square for some little time, cooking, washing, hanging their wash from the Confederate monument and generally conducting themselves in such a way as to be classed a public nuisance. Preacher Morgan and his wife pled poverty; they had to hold one more meeting in order to buy enough gas to get out of town. It was then that Annie Morgan came out--a tousled, unwashed blond, and very lovely. She sang the first three lines of the verse of 'I Wonder As I Wander'.

At twenty-five cents a performance, **I tried to get her to sing all the song**. After eight tries, all of which are carefully recorded in my notes, I had only three lines of verse, a garbled fragment of melodic material--and a magnificent idea. With the writing of additional verses and the development of the original melodic material, 'I Wonder As I Wander' came into being. I sang it for five years in my concerts before it caught on. Since then, it has been sung by soloists and choral groups wherever the English language is spoken and sung."