

## Christmas Carols: I Wonder as I Wander

Isaiah 53:4-5 ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:1-5



### The Story Behind the Carol

John Jacob Niles was born in 1892. As a teenager, he began writing down Appalachian \_\_\_\_\_ music by transcribing traditional songs he heard as he traveled in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Kentucky. He \_\_\_\_\_ and played his own \_\_\_\_\_. During his long career, Niles composed and performed many songs, most of which were based on \_\_\_\_\_ sources.

One of his most well-known ballads is the \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas carol "I Wonder as I Wander." While Niles was traveling in the Appalachian mountains in \_\_\_\_\_ Carolina in 1933, he attended a fundraising meeting held by a group of \_\_\_\_\_ Christians. In his biography, he wrote about hearing a little \_\_\_\_\_ sing a song that he immediately \_\_\_\_\_ down. She "stepped out to the edge of the little \_\_\_\_\_ attached to an \_\_\_\_\_. Her clothes were unbelievably \_\_\_\_\_ and ragged, and she, too, was \_\_\_\_\_. But she was \_\_\_\_\_, and in her untutored way, she could \_\_\_\_\_. And she \_\_\_\_\_ as she sang."

### The Carol

Verse 1. "I wonder as I wander, out under the \_\_\_\_\_,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ people like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander out under the \_\_\_\_\_."

Have you reflected on the \_\_\_\_\_ of your salvation? As a result of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, God makes us "poor in \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 5:3), because we are naturally orn'ry \_\_\_\_\_.

Verse 2. "When Mary birthed Jesus was in a cow's \_\_\_\_\_,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and \_\_\_\_\_.  
But high from God's \_\_\_\_\_ a star's light did fall,  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of ages it then did recall."

Of the Messiah, the \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah said: "Surely He took \_\_\_\_\_ our infirmities and \_\_\_\_\_ our sorrows, yet we considered Him \_\_\_\_\_ by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the \_\_\_\_\_ that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His \_\_\_\_\_ we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5).

Verse 3. "If Jesus had wanted for any \_\_\_\_\_ thing,  
A \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause He was the \_\_\_\_\_."

Don't miss the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christmas story!

### The Heart of the Gospel

"I want to \_\_\_\_\_ you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you have received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are \_\_\_\_\_ ... For what I received I passed on to you as of \_\_\_\_\_ importance: that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was \_\_\_\_\_, that He was \_\_\_\_\_ on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He \_\_\_\_\_ to Peter, and then to the twelve" (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

When it comes to our salvation, \_\_\_\_\_ Friday and \_\_\_\_\_ are more important than \_\_\_\_\_.

### Takeaway

"The shadow of the \_\_\_\_\_ looms over the manger. When you understand that, you understand \_\_\_\_\_." (John MacArthur)

Observing the Lord's Supper is the \_\_\_\_\_ way to begin the \_\_\_\_\_ season, because Communion is for those who recognize that "Jesus the Savior did come for to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ people like you and like I."