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A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief

Item 1700

James Montgomery

(To Thomas Embree)

Solo — with Adaptations for Choir

George Coles

arr. David A. Zabriskie

Peacefully ♩ = ca. 104

all men unison, a few men unison, or solo

A poor way-far - ing Man of grief Hath of-ten crossed me on my way, who

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6 sued so hum - bly for re-lief that I could nev - er an - swer nay. I

10 had not pow'r to ask his name, Where-to he went or whence he came; Yet

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14 there was some - thing in his eye That won my love I knew not why.

Verse 2

18 *women unison*

18 Once, when my scant - y meal was spread, He en - tered; not a

22

22 word he spake, Just per - ish - ing for want of bread. I gave him all; he

26

26 blessed it, brake, And ate, but gave me part a - gain. Mine was an an - gel's

30

30 por-tion then, For while I fed with ea-ger haste, The crust was man - na

Verse 5
men unison

34

34 to my taste. Stript, wound - ed beat - en nigh to death, I

women unison

38

38 found him by the high-way side. I roused his pulse, brought back his breath, Re-

all voices unison

42

42 vived his spir - it, and sup-plied Wine, oil, re-fresh - ment he was healed. I

46

46 had my-self a wound con-cealed, But from that hour for-got the smart, And

Verse 6
all voices unison

50

50 peace bound up my bro - ken heart. In pri-son I saw him

54

54 next, con - demned To meet a trait - or's doom at morn. The

57

57 tide of ly - ing tongues I stemmed, And hon - ored him 'mid

60
 shame and scorn. My friend - ship's ut - most zeal to try, He

63
 asked if I for him would die. The

66
 flesh was weak; my blood ran chill, But my free spir - it

*Verse 7
 with hushed reverence*

69
 cried, "I will!" Then in a mo - ment to my view The stran - ger start - ed

74

from dis-guise. The to - kens in his hands I knew; The Sav - ior stood be -

78 *joyously but with great reverence*

fore mine eyes. He spake, and my poor name he named, "Of

81 *rit. poco a poco*

me thou hast not been a-shamed. These deeds shall thy mem - o - rial be; Fear

85 *molto rit. a tempo*

not, thou didst them un - to me."