



I Wonder As I Wander

John Jacob Niles

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Side Notes: This is a Christmas carol written by John Jacob Niles. The carol has its origins in a song fragment collected in 1933 at a fundraising meeting held by evangelicals who had been ordered out of town by the police. In the unpublished autobiography, Niles wrote:

"A girl had stepped out to the edge of the little platform attached to the automobile. She began to sing. Her clothes were unbelievably dirty and ragged, and she, too, was unwashed. Her ash-blond hair hung down in long skeins.... But, best of all, she was beautiful, and in her untutored way, she could sing. She smiled as she sang, smiled rather sadly, and sang only a single line of a song."

Based on this girl's song, Niles wrote this well known tune.

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With Feeling ♩ = 80

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The first system includes a tempo and dynamic marking: "With Feeling ♩ = 80" and "*p*". The second system starts at measure 7, and the third system starts at measure 14. A large watermark 'O' is overlaid on the center of the page.

Music by: John Jacob Niles 1892-1980
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