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The Weary Traveler

Transcribed from *Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, 1825

E minor

Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*, 1805
Arranged by James C. Lowry, 1820

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1. Come all you weary travelers, Come let us join and sing The everlasting praises Of our exalted King; We've had a tedious journey, And tiresome it is
2. At first when Jesus found us, He called us unto him, And pointed out the danger Of falling into sin; The world, the flesh, and Satan Will prove a fatal
3. But by our disobedience, With sorrow we confess We've had too long to wander In this dark wilderness: Where we might soon have fainted In that enchanted
4. Gracious foretastes of heaven Give life and health and peace; Revives our drooping spirits, Our faith and love increase; Confessing Christ our master, Obeying his com-

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true; But see how many dangers The Lord has brought us through.
snare; Until we do resist them By faith and fervent prayer.
ground, But Jesus in - ter - pos - ed, And pleasant fruits we found.
-mand, We hasten on our jour - ney, Un - to the promised land.

5. With faith, and hope, and patience
We're made for to rejoice,
And Jesus and his people
Forever are our choice,
In peace and consolation
We now are going on
The pleasing road to Canaan,
Where Jesus Christ is gone.

7. But if you will refuse it,
We bid you all farewell;
We're on the road to Canaan,
And you the road to hell;
We're sorry for to leave you,
We'd rather you would go
Come try a bleeding Savior
And see the waters flow.

6. Sinners, why stand ye idle,
While we do march along ,
Has conscience never told you
That you are going wrong,
Down the broad road to darkness,
To bear an endless curse;
Forsake your ways of sinning,
And come and go with us.

8. Now to the King immortal
Be everlasting praise,
For in his holy service
We long to spend our days,
Till we arrive at Canaan,
The celestial world above,
With everlasting wonder
To praise redeeming love.

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1. Originally four staves, Treble-Counter-Tenor-Bass; converted to two staves SATB by Tenor>Soprano, Counter>Alto, Treble>Tenor, and Bass>Bass.
2. Second staff originally with Bass clef; moved to Tenor.
3. Measure 7, *Tenor*: last note changed from A to G.
4. The whole piece moved down from F# minor to E minor.

A folk hymn, related to a number of eighteenth-century songs.

First published in Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*, 1805, without attribution, for three parts, in A minor. The versions fall into three general classes: (1) Following Ingalls 1805; (2) Following the *Missouri Harmony* 1820 version of *Pilgrim*; (3) Following Lowry's 1820 version of *The Traveler*. It is uncertain whether versions are dependent on one another, or whether they independently arranged an unpublished manuscript or oral source.