

# I WONDER AS I WANDER

from The New Oxford Book of Carols:

"John Jacob Niles claimed to have collected this in Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina, in 1933. He published it in his *Songs Of The Hill Folk* (1934,) where verse 1 is repeated after verse 3.

It has been suggested that the carol is 'neither so old nor so folk as we might suppose.'" Questions surround all his work because, in his last year, Niles admitted he had contributed major changes or total original work to some of the tunes he'd earlier claimed to have collected.

E <sub>m</sub>			G			A <sub>m</sub>											
I When If			won-der as I Ma-rybirthed Je-sus had			wan-der, out Je-sus 'twas want-ed for			un-der the in a cow's a-ny wee			sky, stall, thing,			How With A		
3			6 3 6 6			1' 7 6			5 3 1			2 3					

E <sub>m</sub>			C			E <sub>m</sub>								
Je-sus the wise men and star in the			Sa-voieur did farm-ers and sky or a			come for shep-hers to bird on and the			die all; wing,			For But Or		
6 3 6			2' 7 6			2' 7 6			6 3					

						B <sub>m</sub>								
poor on-'ry high from the all of God's			peo-ple like heav-ens a an-gels in			you and like star's light did Heav'n for did to			I; fall, sing/			I AndThe He		
6 3 6			1' 7 6			1' 7 6			5 3					

E <sub>m</sub>						A <sub>m</sub>					
won-der as I pro-mise of sure-ly could			wan-der out a-ges it have it 'cause			un-der the then did re- He did was the			sky. call. King.		
6 3 6 6			1' 3' 6			1' 6 3			2		