

Anthem: "I Walk a Stranger on this Land"

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A Christians's Journey

A Christian is a stranger on this earth who is on a journey toward home in Heaven. An earthly life of work and service can make one weary; but because he never walks alone, there is a special peace and revival for a Christian. (1 Peter 2:11; John 14:16)

A Christian shares Christ with others through his service and words. But some walk away, reject Christ's salvation and hope, and turn from God's light into the shadows filled with loneliness and devoid of peace. (2 Corinthians 5:20; 1 Corinthians 2:13-14)

A Christian feels the regret and sorrow sin brings to the world. He yearns for God's ultimate goodness and reign to come on earth, and he feels deep sadness that the present force of wrongs in the world is so strong. (Matthew 6: 9-10; Matthew 24:6-8; 12-13)

A Christian isn't alone in walking life's road nor in taking a stand for Christ. He follows in the steps of the risen Jesus. Though Jesus no longer leaves footprints on the earthly sandy path, he guides and directs from above and gives encouragement, hope and strength along the way. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20)

Anthem Lyrics

I walk a stranger on this land
And weary have I grown,
But with the setting sun there comes
A peace that I have known;
For though I walk a narrow road
I do not walk alone.

So many strangers pass my way; Some speak, then disappear. They walk in shadow toward the night In loneliness and fear. The words of hope I longed to share Were words they would not hear.

Regret and sorrow know this road.
At times they walk along
To bring a tear into my eye
And sadness to my song.
They say that what should be is not
And that which is is wrong.

I do not walk a lonely road
Or take a lonely stand.
The steps I follow do not make
Impressions in the sand.
Yet in God's word I hear His voice
And know His guiding hand.

Prayer: Holy God, thank you for your constant presence and your written word. Your Scripture reveals the pathway that leads to You and eternity. Forgive us when we stumble and go astray. Lead us quickly back on the way we should go. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.