

If I would only stray a bit

The Way of the Cross — The Way of Following the Lord

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Musical score for the hymn "If I would only stray a bit". The score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody with lyrics: "1. If I would on - ly stray a bit, Then ease my lot would". The second staff contains the bass line with lyrics: "be; But I re - call how Christ my Lord Did suf - fer faith - ful - ly." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, G, C, G, G/B, D, G, D7, G, C/G, G.

2. The world I have forever left

And severed all its ties;

The way may yet more narrow grow

And all against me rise.

3. But though the worldlings glare in rage;

I seek His smiling face.

Though outward glory others choose,

I, His "well done" through grace.

4. My heart's desire is not for fame

Nor profit in these days;

I humbly wish to serve my Lord

And gain that day His praise.

5. Unto the judgment seat of Christ

I daily look away;

May all my living and my work

Abide the fire that day.

6. You may your reputation hold,

Wealth, friends, and glory gain;

You may win all success and praise,

A following great obtain.

7. But I would be but lonely, poor,

With no prosperity;

My heart desires to follow Him

And finish faithfully.

8. My Lord, when here on earth, I know,

Gained nothing but the cross.

I only hope to be like Him

And for Him suffer loss.

9. My glory's in the coming age,

Today I'll patient be.

I'd ne'er enjoy ahead of Him

This world's prosperity.

10. That day I shall receive the crown,

He'll wipe away my tears.

So faithfully I'll journey on

Till He at length appears.