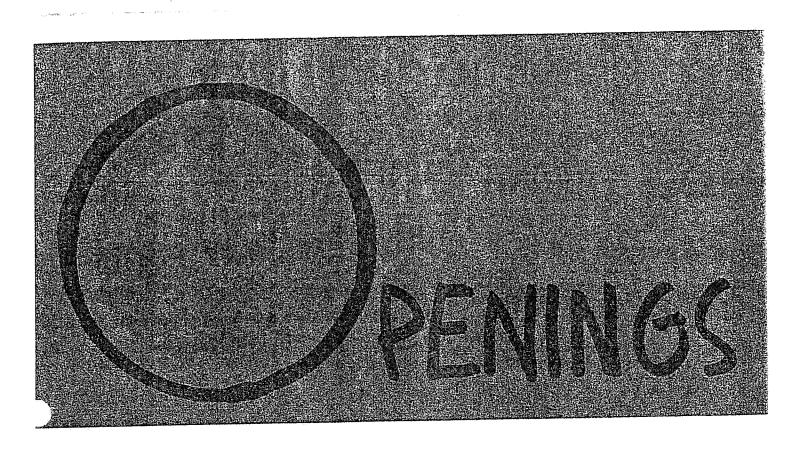




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OPENINGS

A SONG FOR BEGINNING OR ENDING CECEBRATIONS.

A NOTE ON THE CHORUS: YOU ARE PERMITTED, AFTER ANY AND ALL OF THE VERSES, TO REPEAT THE CHORUS TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.



- 2. IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE FIRE.
 TESUS CAME TO BRING A FIRE.
 AND HE OPENED THE SKY
 AND IT CAME DOWN LIKE TONGUES
 AND HE OPENED THE BREAD,
 AND THERE WAS LOVE INSIDE.
 (CHORUS)
- 3. IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WINDSTORM.
 JESUS QUIETED THE WINDSTORM.
 AND HE OPENED THE SKY
 AND IT CAME LIKE THE WIND.
 AND HE OPENED THE BREAD,
 AND THERE WAS LOVE INSIDE.

(CHORUS)

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE MOUNTAIN.

JESUS PRAYED UPON THE MOUNTAIN.

AND HE OPENED THE SKY

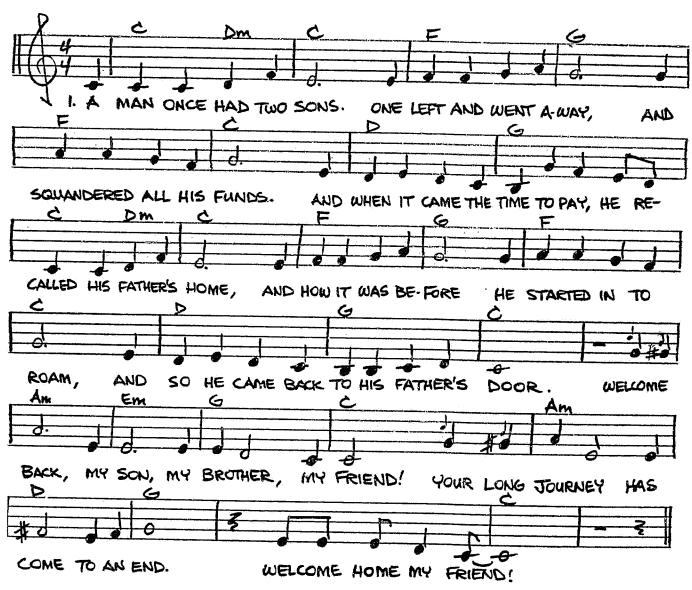
AND IT TREMBLED LIKE FAITH.

AND HE OPENED THE BREAD,

AND THERE WAS LOVE INSIDE.

(CHORUS)

HOMECOMINGS





A SONG FOR PENITENTIAL CEREMONIES

2. THE OTHER STAYED ON THE FARM AND HELPED OUT WITH THE CHORES. HE KEPT HIMSELF FROM HARM, BUT COULDN'T KEEP FROM GETTING SORE WHEN HE SAW HIS FATHER RUN TO HIS BROTHER, WHO'D RUN AWAY. HE WAS THE FAITHFUL SON, BUT COULDN'T FIND THE LOVE IN HIM TO SAY: WELCOME BACK, MY SON, MY BROTHER, MY FRIEND, YOUR LONG JOURNEY HAS COME TO AN END.

3. NOW SOME OF US STILL ROAM
LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON THAT STRAYED,
AND SOME OF US STAY HOME
AND TEND TO THINK WE'VE GOT IT MADE,
BUT ALL OF US MUST LEARN
THE FATHERS WAY TO LIVE,
WHETHER IT'S TO RETURN
OR WHETHER IT'S TO LEARN HOW TO FORGIVE.
WELLOME BACK, MY SON, MY BROTHER, MY FRIEND,
YOUR LONG JOURNEY HAS COME TO AN END.
WELLOME HOME, MY FRIEND!

A SONG OF GIFT-GIVING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOTHING OF THEIR OWN TO GIVE.

AN OFFERTORY





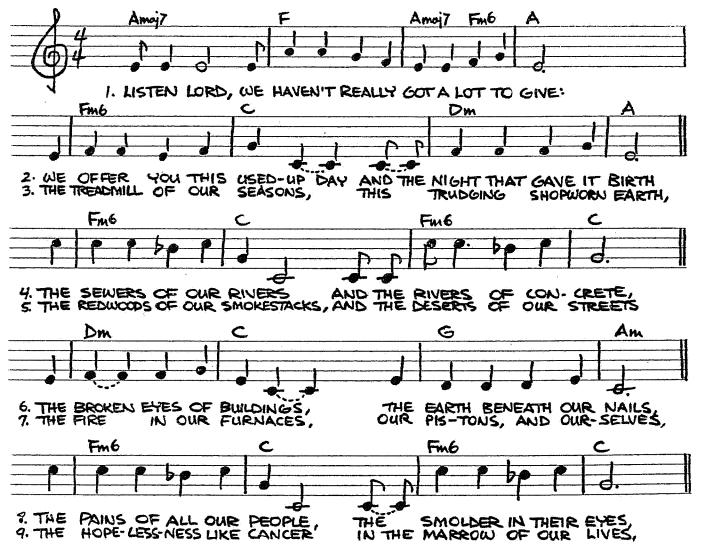
I AM SICK OF HOLOCAUSTS...

BRING ME YOUR WORTHLESS OFFERINGS NO MORE,

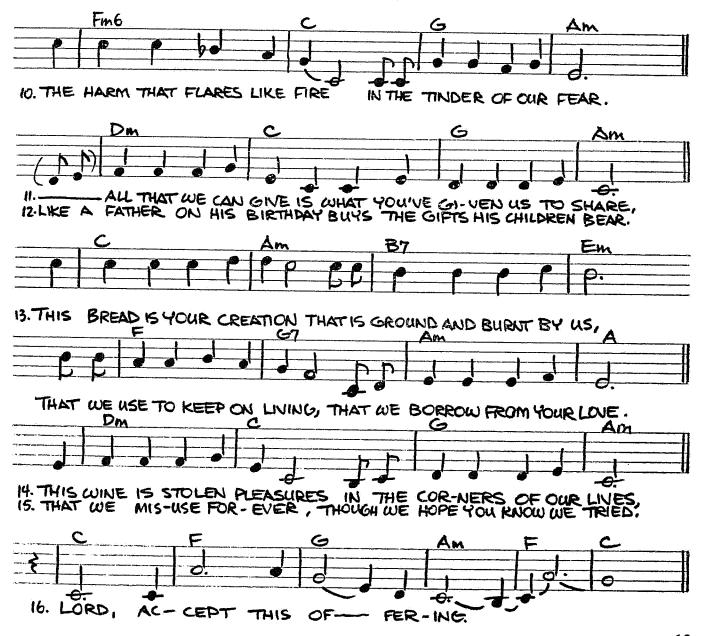
THE SMOKE OF THEM FILLS ME WITH DISGUST:

-ISA 1:11,13

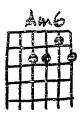
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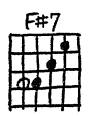


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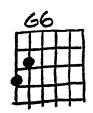


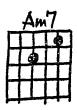






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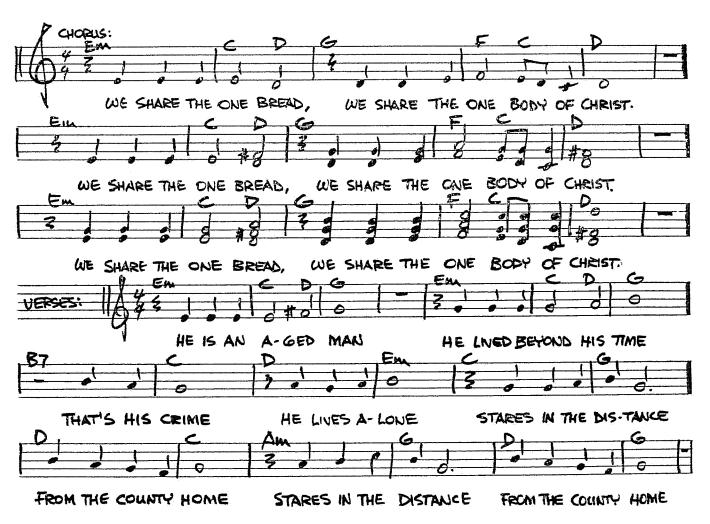








A COMMUNION COLLAGE



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A SONG OF THE MYSTERY OF SACRAMENTAL UNION

HEIS ALONG HAIR KID
HASN'T BEEN HOME FOR MONTHS.
WENT BACK ONCE,
AND GOT DISOWNED.
AND NOW HE WANDERS
DISCONTENT AND STONED,
AND NOW HE WANDERS
DISTANT AND ALONE.

HER HUSBAND DIED LAST YEAR SHE CAN'T LEARN TO FORGET HER EYES ARE WET WHEN SHE AWAKES.
ONLY THE MORNING COMES TO EASE THE ACHE.
OTHERWISE NO ONE COMES TO EASE THE ACHE.

HER HUSBAND LEFT ONE DAY, LEFT HER THE FAMILY AND A.D.C. LEFT HER NO WHY, LEFT HER NO MONEY LEFT HER NO TIME TO CRY. I REPEAT

HE IS A SELF-MADE MAN. HE HAS HIS TV SET TO HELP FORGET HIS TINY FEAR. HE LOVES HIS NEIGHBOR, TREPEAT FOOTBALL GAMES, AND BEER!

SHE NEVER LIKED TO DRINK
BUT NOW THE LONG DAY CRAWLS,
AND ALCOHOL'S
HER ONLY FRIEND,
FOR ALL THE OTHERS J-REPEAT
CONTINUE TO PRETEND

HE IS A FAMILY MAN,
HE DOES THE BEST HE CAN.
ENDS TO MEET
AND MOUTHS TO FEED
IN COMPETITION
WITH THE LORDS OF GREED—
TO BE A CHRISTIAN
IN A WORLD OF GREED.

HE'S BARELY THRNED 18, NOW HE MUST TAKE A GUN WHAT'S TO BE DONE? HE HAS TO CHOOSE. HE KNOWS A RIFLE ONLY HAS ONE USE. THERE IS NO LIFE HE CARES TO TAKE OR LOSE.

THE VERSES COME IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER. USE WHICHEVER YOU LIKE, AS MANY AS YOU NEED FORTHE TIME IT TAKES.

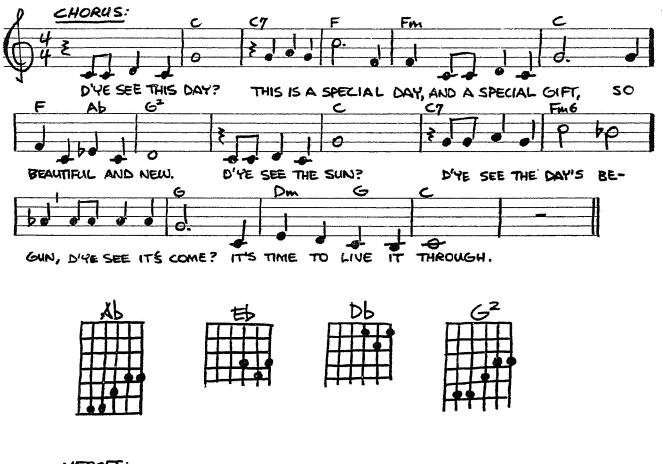
A SONG FOR ENDING OR BEGINNING CELEBRATIONS

THIS DAY

EACH DAY BEARS ITS OWN SORROW, AND ITS HAPPINESS AND MEANING CAN BE KNOWN. EACH DAY HAS ITS TOMORROW, BUT TOMORROW IS A STORY OF ITS OWN.

EACH DAY IS LIKE A PERSON-SOME ARE SUNNY, SOME ARE FILLED WITH CLOUDY SKIES. EACH DAY ESCAPES PREDICTION, ALWAYS CHANGEABLE AND ABLE TO SURPRISE.

EACH DAY CAN HIDE A PROMISE, AND IT'S POSSIBLE THAT PROMISE WILL COME TRUE. BUT DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE IT? DO YOU BELIEVE A WHOLE NEW FUTURE WAITS FOR YOU?





He not busy being born is busy dying.

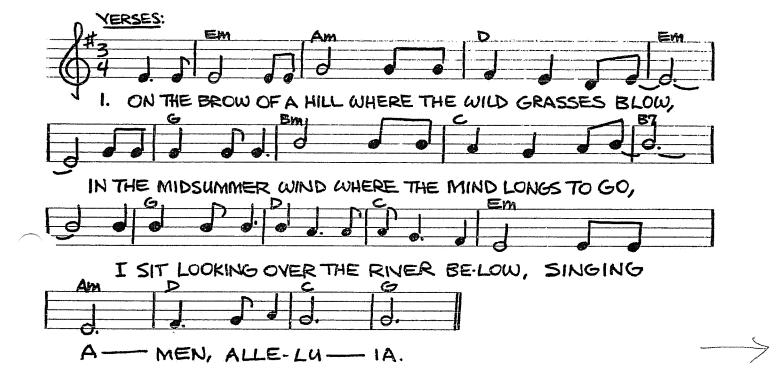
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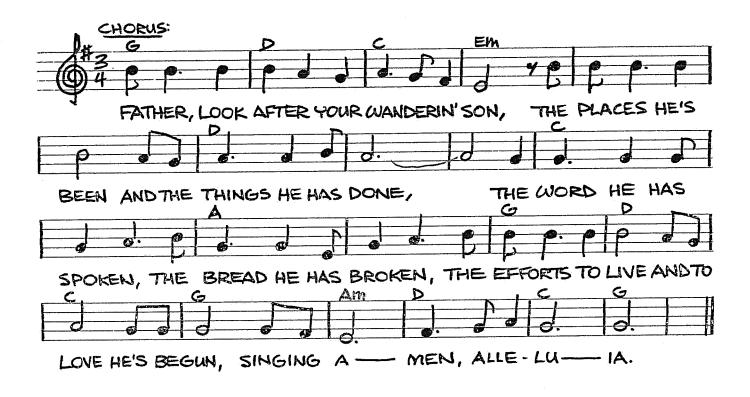
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THE PILGRIM



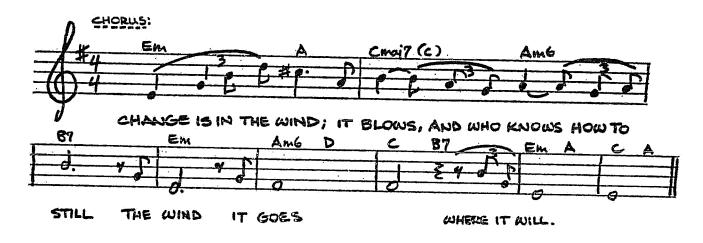
- 2. I'VE TRAVELED THE HOHEST RUSTIEST TRACKS.
 I'VE TRAVELED IN TRUCKS, AND IN NEW CADILLACS.
 THERE'S FIRE IN THE RUST AND THERE'S DUST IN THE CRACKS,
 SINGING: AMEN ALLELUIA. (CHORUS)
- 3. I'VE SAMPLED YOUR WORLD FROM VILLAGE TO TOWN, SOMETIMES A VILLAIN AND SOMETIMES A CLOWN.
 I'VE MET MANY PEOPLE BY MOVING AROUND SINGING: AMEN ALLELUIA. (CHORUS)
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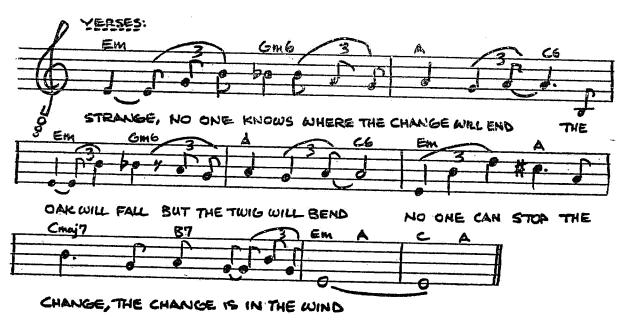
WHAT IS THE PRIEST IN THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH OF TODAY? FIRST OF ALL, HE IS THIS PARTICULAR PERSON, HIMSELF...



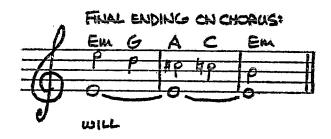
- 4. I CAN'T HOLD A NICKEL, I CAN'T SAVE A CENT.
 BUT WHERE ARE THE GOODTIMES WHEN THE MONEY IS SPENT?
 THERE'S SONGS FOR THE GOODTIMES AND FRIENDS WHERE THEY
 SINGING: AMEN ALLELUIA (CHORUS) WENT
- 5. FRIENDS I HAVE HAD, SOME HAVE DRIFTED AWAY, SOME CHOSE TO DIE AT THE HEIGHT OF THEIR DAY. GOD, HELP ME BE WORTHY OF THOSE WHO WOULD STAY SINGING: AMEN ALLELUIA (CHORUS)

CHANGE IS IN THE WIND





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IN PLAYING THE GUITAR, THE SIMPLE C-CHORD IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL THE C-BASED CHORDS. IN THE VERSE, THE GMG-A CHORD PROGRESSION CAN BE PLAYED: GMG A

SOME OTHER VERSES:

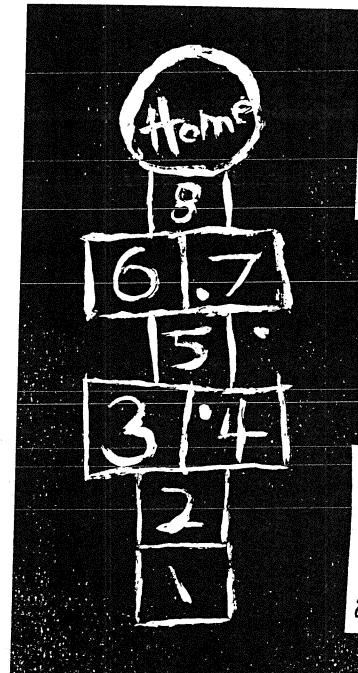
- 2. Some say its spring and the world is hew. some say its fall and a winter's due. No one can stop the change, the change is in the wind.
- 3. Mountain or window or upper room, the wind will come and the flame consume no one can stop the change, the change is in the wind.

SPIRIT, BREATH AND WIND ARE THE THREE DIRECTIONS ONE WORD DECIDED TO TAKE. THE WINDS OF CHANGE ARE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BREATH OF LIFE.

THE PERSONS GAME



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I THINK IT'S WEAK TO BE THE FIRST TO SPEAK SO IT GETS BLEAK Before I do. YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE

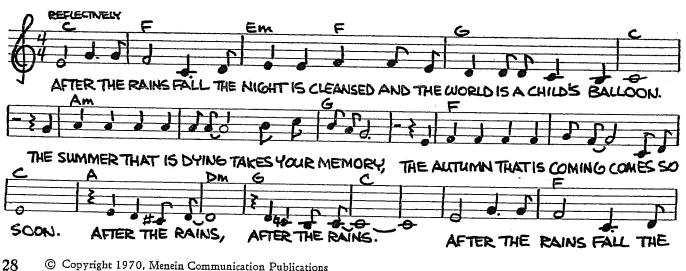
I DON'T PREFER TO CHANGE BUT I WOULD CHANGE THE WHOLE ARRANGEMENT JUST FOR YOU. AND SO THE GAME GOES ON

UNTIL THE LINES ARE DRAWN.

I THINK IT'S FAIR TO INDICATE I CARE AND I WOULD SHARE IT IF I COULD.
YOU THINK I OUGHT
TO INDICATE A LOT THAT I COULD NOT UNLESS I THOUGHT IT UNDERSTOOD. and so the game goes on UNTIL THE HOPE IS GONE.

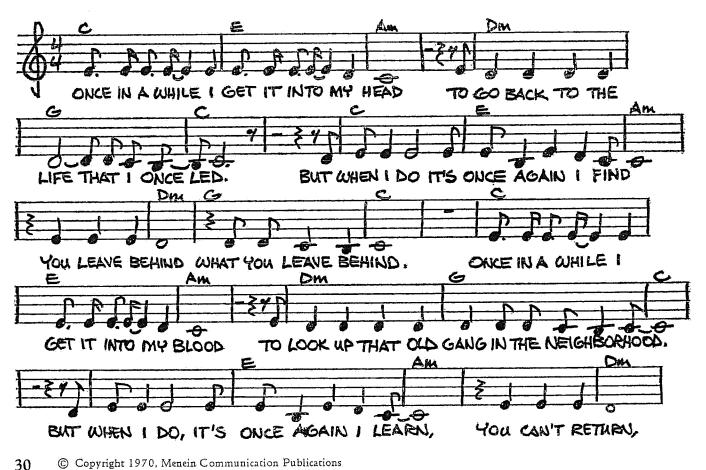
YOU THINK WE'RE BOUND TO FIND SOME COMMON GROUND. I THINK WE'VE FOUND IT IN THE GAME. YOU THINK WE'LL FIND A LITTLE PEACE OF MIND. I THINK YOU'RE BUND, AND YOU THINK I'M THE ONE TO BLAME. AND SO THE GAME GOES ON UNTIL THE LOVE IS GONE.

AFTER THE RAINS





ONCE AGAIN





CINDY'S SECRET

CINDY, WHAT D'YE WANT IT T'DO? CINDY, WHAT D'YE WANT IT T'DO? CAN IT FIT ALL THE PIECES BACK INTO PLACE WHEN THE WORLD IS FALLEN THROUGH?

CINDY'S GOT IT ALL SORTED OUT IN HER MIND,
A ROOM OF FEATHERS AND COLORS.
BUT THE FEATHERS' FRAYED, AND THE COLORS FADE
AND THE YELLOW PETALS AGE DULLER.
CINDY'S GOT IT ALL SORTED OUT IN HER MIND
WITH PARTITIONS OF PAPER-MACHE,
AND THE WALL STAND UP WITH A CHEMICAL PROP
UNTIL THEY DROP AWAY.

CINDY, WHAT D'YE WANT IT T'DO? CINDY, WHAT D'YE WANT IT T'DO? CAN IT BANISH THE RAGGED WORLD TUDAY, AND THEN TOMORROW, TOO?



THE CHURCH IS A PILGRIM PEOPLE.
ONE OF THE MEANINGS OF THAT PHRASE.
IS THAT IT CANNOT PRETEND TO SETUP
PERMANENTLY IN THIS WORLD.
IT IS ALWAYS MOVIN'ON.

TRAIN SONG

- TIMES I GET TEMPTED

 TO BE A GOODTIMES SETTLER.

 QUIT MY ROAMIN', FIND A HOME AND

 FIND A PERMANENT BED.

 BUT TO FIND IT I'M REMINDED

 OF THE ONE I FOLLOW

 AND THE WAY HE FOUND NO PLACE

 TO LAY HIS HEAD. CHORUS
- FOR THAT ONE FINAL CITY.

 AND I WONDER AS I WANDER,

 AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE.

 AND THE NAME OF THE DESTINATION

 ISN'T ON MY TICKET,

 ALL THE SAME, I'LL KNOW THE NAME

 WHEN I GETTHERE CHORUS



The cistern contains; the fountain overflows.

- William Blake

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