

Tenor - m. 1-36 (1st verse)

POOR WAYFARING STRANGER

American Folk Ballad
Arranged by JAY ALTHOUSEModerately ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 112-116$)

4 *mf*

5 6 7

I'm just a poor way - far - ing stran - ger
clouds will gath - er 'round me;

8 9 10 11 *fp*

a trav-'ling through this world of woe.
I know my way is rough and steep.

12 13 14 15

But there's no sick ness, toil, nor dan - ger
Yet beau - teous fields lie just be - fore me,

16 17 18 19

in that fair land to which I go.
 where God's re - deemed their vig - ils keep.

20 21 *f* 22 23

I'm go - ing there to see my fa - ther.
 I'm go - ing there to see my moth - er.

24 25 26 27

I'm go - ing there, no more to roam.
 She said she'd meet me when I come.

28 *mf* 29 30 31

I'm just a go - ing o - ver Jor - dan.

32 33 34 35 |1.

I'm just a - go - ing o - ver home.

36 37 38 39 |2.

I know dark home.

40 41 gradual dim. 42 43

I'm just a poor way - far - ing stran - ger.

gradual dim.

44 45 rit 46 , p ten. 47 Slowly 48

I'm just a - go - ing o - ver home.

rit. p Slowly

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MMEA Central District Festival Chorus Information

The Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) Central District Chorus is a wonderful opportunity for motivated singer/musicians.

Massachusetts is divided into five districts for music education. Westborough is part of Central District, along with around 50 other school districts. Each school district can participate in the Central District Music Festival by sending students to audition for the District Chorus, Orchestra or Band. This is a wonderful and inspirational experience for everyone who can participate!

Interested students audition for these ensembles in early February. Students who audition well and receive top scores are selected for these honors ensembles. The district chorus is usually comprised of around 150 students and includes motivated and skilled singer/musicians from most of (if not all) the 50 schools in central district. Accepted students have the opportunity to learn great music that is a little more difficult than what we typically do in our chorus and work with an amazing guest conductor.

Each school is unfortunately only allowed to let a total of 30 singers audition; 14 treble voices and 16 changed/changing voices. There are usually more than the allotted number of students interested in auditioning so we usually need to have "in-house auditions" or "pre-auditions."

Auditioning and participating in the district festival does require a fee. **All students auditioning for the District Chorus must pay \$20. This fee will be collected when permission slips for the audition are handed out and then collected.**

If you are interested in auditioning for the MMEA Central District Chorus, please make sure you are available for ALL of the dates listed below, return this form with your name and signature and a parent/guardian signature to Mr. Stillitano by Tuesday, November 17th, and be prepared to stay after school on Thursday, November 19th for the "in-house audition."

Both the district audition and in-house audition will be the same audition piece: "Go 'Way From My Window" arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram for Soprano and Alto, and "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" arranged by Jay Althouse for Tenor and Baritone. Students will sing with the recorded piano accompaniment which can be found at the bottom of this page.

All Interested Students

Thurs, Nov 19 – in-house auditions @ 2:00pm (GMS music room)

Students Selected to Audition for the District Chorus

Thurs, Jan 7 – audition rehearsal @ 2:00-3:15pm (GMS music room)

Thurs, Jan 14 – audition rehearsal @ 2:00-3:15pm (GMS music room)

Thurs, Jan 21 – audition rehearsal @ 2:00-3:15pm (GMS music room)

Thurs, Jan 28 – audition rehearsal @ 2:00-3:15pm (GMS music room)

Sat, Jan 30 – audition @ TBA (location TBA)

Sat, Feb 6 – audition snow date @ TBA (location TBA)

Students Selected for the District Chorus

Tues, March 22 – school part rehearsal @ 2:00-3:30pm (GMS music room)

- Sopranos, Altos, or Baritones only

Tues, March 29 – school part rehearsal @ 2:00-3:30pm (GMS music room)

- Sopranos, Altos, or Baritones only

Thurs, March 31 – school part rehearsal @ 2:00-3:30pm (GMS music room)

- Sopranos, Altos, or Baritones only

Mon, April 11 – district rehearsal @ 3:30-7:30pm (location TBA - bus will leave GMS at 2:00pm)

Wed, April 27 – district rehearsal @ 3:30-7:30pm (location TBA - bus will leave GMS at 2:00pm)

Sat, April 30 – district rehearsal and concert @ 9:00am-5:00pm (location TBA)