

A Pilgrim and a Stranger

Doh is C · 4/4 Tune: PASSION CHORALE

| m - | l - s - f - m - | r - - - m - t - |
A Pilgrim and a stranger, I

| d' - d' - t l t - | l - - - - m - |
journey here be- low; Far

| l - s - f - m - | r - - - m - t - |
distant is my country The

| d' - d' - t l t - | l - - - - d' - |
home to which I go. Here

| t l s - l - t - | d' - - - d' - s - |
I must toil and travel, Oft

| l - s - f - f - | m - - - - d' - |
weary and op- prest, But

| t d' r' - d' - t - | l - - - t - m - |
there my God shall lead me To

| f - m - r - s - | m - - - - |
everlasting rest.

The other verses

2 I've met with storm and danger,
E'en from my early years,
With enemies and conflicts,
With fightings and with fears.
There's nothing here that tempts me
To wish a longer stay,
So I must hasten forwards,
No halting or delay.

3 It is a well worn pathway,
Many have gone before:
The holy saints and prophets,
The patriarchs of yore.
They trod the toilsome journey
In patience and in faith;
And them I fain would follow,
Like them in life and death!

4 Who would share Abr'm's blessing,
Must Abr'm's path pursue,
A stranger and a pilgrim,
Like him, must journey through.
The foes must be encountered,
The dangers must be passed;
Only a faithful soldier
Receives the crown at last.

5 So I must hasten forwards
Thank God, the end will come!
This land of my sojourning
Is not my destined home.
That ever more abideth,
Jerusalem above,
The everlasting city,
The land of light and love.

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