

MAN OF CONSTANT SORROW

A 1950 Stanley Brothers recording popularized this song for awhile, then a resurgence in the 2000 movie, Oh Brother Where Art Thou? Originally published in a song book in 1913.

Chord= **8 quick beats** unless noted 1st sung note A Intro: 1,2,3,4 1

(tacet) C7 F

In constant sor-row. . . , all through his days. . .

F F7 Bb C7 F
 I— am a ma-an— of constant sor-row; I’ve seen trou-ble all my days.

F F7 Bb C7 F
 I— bid farewell— to old Kentucky, the place where I— was born & raised.

C7 F

(The place where he-e, was born & raised.) Instr: F F7 Bb C7 F (8 beats each)

F F7 Bb C7 F
 For— six long years— I’ve been in trouble; no pleasure here, on earth I found.

F F7 Bb C7 F
 For—in this wor-ld,— I’m bound to ramble; I have no fri-ends, to help me now.

C7 F

(He has no fri-ends, to help him now.) Instr: F F7 Bb C7 F (8 beats each)

F F7 Bb C7 F
 It’s— fare thee we-ell— my old true lover, I never expect to see you again.

F F7 Bb C7 F
 For— I’m bound to ri-ide— that northern railroad; perhaps I’ll die, upon this train.

C7 F

(Perhaps he’ll di-e, upon this train.) Instr: F F7 Bb C7 F (8 beats each)

F F7 Bb C7 F
 You— can bury me— in some deep valley, for many years, where I may lay.

F F7 Bb C7 F
 Then— you may learn—to love another, while I am slee-pin’ in my grave.

C7 F

(While he is slee-pin’ in his grave.) Instr: F F7 Bb C7 F (8 beats each)

F F7 Bb C7 F
 May-be your friends think—I’m just a stranger; my face you never will see no more.

F F7 Bb C7 F
 But there i-is one— promise that’s given: I’ll meet you on— God’s golden shore.

C7 F//// /

(He’ll meet you on— God’s golden shore.)

