I Wonder as I Wander

An Appalachian Carol [Am]
Set by *Luciano Berio* (1925–2003) [It], from *Folk Songs*, #2; *Jake Heggie* (1961–) [Am], from *On the Road to Christmas*, #4; *John Jacob Niles* (1892–1980) [Am]; *John (Milford) Rutter*, CBE (1945–) [Br]

	I	**wonder**	**as**	**I**	**wander**	**out**	**under**	**the**	**sky,**
(MA)	[aːɪ	ˈwʌn.dɐ	æz	aːɪ	ˈwɑn.dɐ	aːʊt	ˈʌn.dɐ	ðʌ	skaːɪ][1]
(GA)	[aːɪ	ˈwʌn.dɚ	æz	aːɪ	ˈwɑn.dɚ	aːʊt	ˈʌn.dɚ	ðʌ	skaːɪ]

	How	**Jesus**	**the**	**(our)**	**Savior**	**did**	**come**	**for**	**to**	**die.**
(MA)	[haːʊ	ˈdʒi.zəs	ðʌ	aːʊɐ̯	ˈseːɪ.vjɐ	dɪd	kʌm	fɔɐ̯	tu	daːɪ]
(GA)	[haːʊ	ˈdʒi.zəs	ðʌ	ɑɚ	ˈseːɪ.vjɚ	dɪd	kʌm	fɔɚ	tu	daːɪ]

For poor on'ry people like you and like I…
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from the Heavens a star's light did fall,
And a promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in Heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have it 'cause he was the King.

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[1] The IPA transcription is given in both Mid-Atlantic (MA) and General American (GA) pronunciation.