

# Traditional Gospel Songs with Chords

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"The only recorded version with three verses( that I could find) was  
by Carl Story and his Rambling Mountaineers. It was recorded on  
Starday album 'Mighty Close To Heaven'."

### RANK STRANGERS

INTRO: Play last two lines of chorus.

CAPO: 4th Fret/KEY: F#/PLAY: D

I wandered a-[D] gain - to my [A7] home in the [D] mountains  
Where in youths' early dawn - I was [E] happy and [A7] free [E] [A7]  
I looked for my [D] friends - but [A7] I never could [D] find them  
I found they were all - rank [A7] strangers to [D] me. [G] [D]

#### CHORUS

Ever'body I met (ECHO: ever'body I met)  
Seemed to [G] be a rank [D] stranger (seemed to be a rank stranger)  
No mother or dad (no mother or dad) ...  
Not a [E] friend could I [A7] see (not a [E] friend could I [A7] see)  
They knew not my [D] name (they knew not my name)  
And I [A7] knew not their [D] faces (and I knew not their faces)  
I found they were all (I found they were all)  
Rank [A7] strangers to [D] me (rank [G] strangers to [D] me).

I searched every face for a sign of a loved one,  
and I asked everyone where the old folks could be.  
I went down the road to inquire of some neighbors,  
but found they were too, rank strangers to me.

"They've all moved away" - said the voice of a stranger  
"To a beautiful home - by the bright crystal sea"  
Some beautiful day - I'll meet 'em in heaven  
Where no one will be - a stranger to me.

#### CHORUS

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