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MAN OF CONSTANT SORROW

"Songs of Salvation to Salve the Soul"

[1950s Stanley Bros >>> O Brother 2000 - Dan Tyminski]

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F1 C downs downs F DOWN-du-du-du hammer-on
_ in con stant sor _ row _ _ all through his days _ _ _ _

MEN F Bb C F
| I | am a | man | of constant | sorrow | I've seen | trouble | all my | days | |
F Bb C F
| I | bid fare | well | to old Ken | tucky | the place where | I | was born and | raised... |
F C F F * [F/F/F/F Bb/Bb C/C F/F]
| .The place where | he | was born and | raised _ _ _ | _ _ _ _ | (optional instrumental)

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WOMEN F Bb C F
| For | six long | years | I've been in | trouble | no pleasures | here | on earth I | found | |
F Bb C F
| For | in this | world | I'm bound to | ramble | I have no | friends | to help me | now... |
F C F F *
| .She has no | friends | to help her | now _ _ _ | _ _ _ _ |

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MEN F Bb C F
| It's | fare thee | well | my old true | lover | I never ex | pect | to see you a | gain | |
F Bb C F
| For | I'm bound to | ride | that northern | railroad | perhaps I'll | die | upon this | train |
F C F F *
| .Perhaps he'll | die | upon this | train _ _ _ | _ _ _ _ |

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WOMEN F Bb C F
| You | can bury | me | in some deep | valley | for many | years | where I may | lay | |
F Bb C F
| Then | you may | learn | to love a | nother | while I am | sleep | ing in my | grave |
F C F F *
| .While she is | sleep | ing in her | grave _ _ _ | _ _ _ _ |

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ALL F Bb C F
| May... | .be your friends | think... | .I'm just a | strang.er. | .my face you'll | nev... | .ver see no | more... | |
F Bb C F
| But... | .there is one | pro... | .mise that is | giv.en. | .I'll meet you | on... | .God's golden | shore... |
F C F F1 F1
| .We'll meet you | on | God's golden | shore _ _ _ |