

## What Mean Ye by This Weeping

Alternate 285 (50, 154)

1. What mean ye by this weep - ing To break my ver - y heart?  
 2. Our fare-wells we are giv - ing, As though we were to part,  
 3. We say, "I here, you yon - der; You go, and I re - main,"

We're one in Je - sus' keep - ing And nev - er shall we part.  
 And yet we shall be liv - ing Al - ways as one in heart.  
 Yet we are not a - sun - der, But links in one great chain.

Nor time, nor place can sev - er The ties that us have bound;  
 "Fare-well," we say: each oth - er We think we'll no more see;  
 In words of deep af - fec - tion, "Our ways part here," we say;

They shall a - bide for - ev - er Who here in Christ are found.  
 But close to Christ as broth - er Each one will ev - er be.  
 Yet go in one di - rec - tion And on the self-same way.

4. Why should our tears be flowing? Why should we be so sad?  
With One we all are going Whose presence makes us glad;  
He will protect us surely, Lead us by His dear hand  
Upon one way securely Into one Fatherland.

5. Then not to parting sorrow, But to our Savior true,  
This solemn hour we hallow, And to a bond that's new;  
If we choose Him, our Brother, To be our highest gain,  
We shall not lose each other, Though parting give us pain.