

We Tarry Here in Calm and Peaceful Union

1. We tar - ry here in calm and peace-ful un - ion
 2. So man - y pleas - ant hours we've spent to - geth - er;
 3. Oh, let us then pre - serve this ho - ly ar - dor,
 4. And so fare - well to you, be - lov - ed broth - er,

To say our fond fare-wells be - fore we part;
 We've lived in u - ni - ty and in ac - cord;
 As Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, did com - mand;
 As now we part and say our fond "Fare - well!"

Soon we must break this broth - er - ly com - mun - ion;
 We've learned to un - der - stand and love each oth - er;
 A - mid all tri - als let us brave - ly har - bor
 Should we, per - chance, a - gain meet one an - oth - er,

Fare-well! Fare - well! now flows from heart to heart.
 Our spir - its have as - cend - ed to the Lord;
 And tru - ly keep the faith in which we stand;
 Then may we find that in you still doth dwell

Yet once a - gain they beat for one an - oth - - er,
To - geth - er we have sung the bless - ed sto - - ry
For He who once for us has borne and striv - en
The love of Christ, that first and dear - est treas - ure,

“In Je - sus’ name, fare-well, fare - well, dear broth - er!”
And mag - ni - fied our God, the King of Glo - ry.
Waits lov - ing - ly to wel-come us to heav - en.
That al - ways fills our hearts with grate-ful pleas - ure.

5. But should our course be otherwise directed,
Should we on earth no more each other see,
Should death approach more quickly than expected,
Then may the Lord unite us lovingly
In yonder realm of peace and joy forever
Where sun and moon need not be shining ever.

6. Our hands to you in brother-love extending,
Belovèd friends, accept our fond farewell;
God speed you on until your journey’s ending
And to His throne where you His praise will tell!
We look beyond to those untroubled regions
In hope to join the Lamb and all His legions.

7. Farewell, meanwhile, farewell—for we are leaving—
Let not God’s Word despised, neglected be!
E’er faithfully unto your Savior cleaving,
His Word, your all in all eternally;
Let none be found pervert in his behavior,
But hold ye fast to Christ, our blessèd Savior.

8. Then fare ye well—we clasp our hands together—
It is perhaps the last that can be giv’n!
Oh, let us look to Christ, our Savior ever—
He is the Way, that reaches into heav’n!
Now to the love of God we e’er commend you,
And may the grace of Jesus Christ attend you!