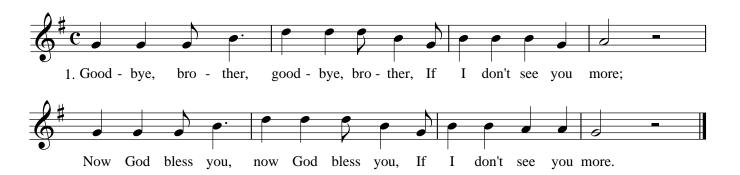
Goodbye, Brother

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William Francis Allen, C.P. Ware and Lucy Kim Garrison *Slave Songs of the United States*, 1867 Reprint, New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1995 Collected by Captain James S. Rogers.



- 2. We part in the body but we meet in the spirit, We'll meet in the heaven in the blessed* kingdom.
- 3. So good-bye, brother, good-bye, sister; Now God bless you, now God bless you.

Background Information

"Sung at the breaking up of a midnight meeting after the death of a soldier. These midnight *wails* are very solemn to me, and exhibit the sadness of the present mingled with the joyful hope of the future. I have known the negroes to get together in groups of six or eight around a small fire, and sing and pray alternately from nine o'clock till three the next morning, after the death of one of their number."

Capt. James S. Rogers

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