

**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

SATB, *A Cappella* or with Accompaniment  
Good Friday, Lent

Choral arrangements of traditional spirituals often seem to me overwrought in the interest of a novelty that distracts from the power of words and music. Here I offer a simple setting to allow the spiritual to speak for itself.

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Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. Albert Blackwell

O Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley, he had to  
 O Je - sus went to stand his tri - al, he had to  
 O we must go to face our tri - als, we have to

he had to  
 he had to  
 we have to

walk it by him - self; O no - bo - dy else could walk it  
 stand it by him - self; O no - bo - dy else could stand it  
 face them for our - selves; O no - bo - dy else can face them

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.  
 for him, he had to stand it by him - self.  
 for us, we have to face them for our - selves.

he had to  
 he had to  
 we have to