

I'M A STRANGER

The words of this song were written on a separate sheet of paper by Miss Heatley who notes:- Mrs H's father's song. These were then attached to Vaughan Williams' manuscript.

For a complete version see MR PUNT RVW MS VOL 2/66.

I'm a stranger in this country from Ameriky I came  
There is no one that knows me nor can't tell my name,  
I'm a stranger in this country and I'll stay here awhile  
I've rambled from my darling full many a long mile

Oh some say I'm rakish oh some say I'm wild  
And some say I'm rakish my friends to beguile  
But to prove my self loyal you shall come along with me  
I'll take you along to Ameriky my darling to see

It's give my love to Susan she's the girl I adore  
Likewise to my Polly although she is poor  
Oh give my love to Sally she is my joy and delight  
I'll roll her in my arms on a cold frosty night

The moon shall be darkness and the stars

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We're bound for Ameriky.....

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And when we are married we'll dance and will sing

I'm a stranger

Verse I

The musical notation is handwritten on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes) and rests. There are some handwritten annotations, such as 'Verse II' and '(the next verse)', indicating where the music continues or changes.

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