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Wanderin' 'round from door to door
They don't have no place to go
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Some people say, "Sister will do when your mother is gone." (2x)
Some people say "Your sister will do"
Soon as she marries, turn her back on you.
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Your wife or your husband may be good to you when your mother is gone.(2x)
Wife or your husband may be good to you,
Nobody treat you like your mother do.
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Some people say, "Your auntie will do when your mother is gone." (2x)
Some people say "Your auntie will do"
Make a start, and then prove untrue.
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Jesus will be a Father to you when your mother is gone. (2x)
Jesus will be a Father to you
In pain and sorrow He will lead you through.
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