

I Did Not Walk with Nephi

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I did not walk with Ne - phi through a wild, de - sert - ed land, Or
I was not with Sar - i - ah as she left her home by choice, And
I did not shake with Al - ma through the An - gel's thun-d'ring call, Or

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see the gold - en compass that was shaped by heav'n-ly hands. I did not plead for
walked in - to the de - sert trust-ing in a prophet's voice. I did not strug-
feel such pain and sor-row that I could not move at all! I did not beg for

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faith - ful - ness from broth - ers slow to hear, Then go and do my
with great fear for chil - dren thought as lost, Then trust a - gain in
mer - cy, call - ing on God's ho - ly name, Then rise and sing re -

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Fa - ther's will, and trust that He was near.
proph - e - cy no mat - ter what the cost. No, I did not walk with Ne - phi, though I
joic - ing that I had been born a - gain!

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wish that I could go! If I ask in faith, sin - cere ly, I don't have to see to know. When I

This musical system covers measures 19 through 24. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with lyrics placed below the notes. The bass clef provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "wish that I could go! If I ask in faith, sin - cere ly, I don't have to see to know. When I".

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feel a peace-ful hap - pi - ness, so warm and hope - ful too, The Ho - ly Ghost is

This musical system covers measures 25 through 29. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the previous system. The lyrics are: "feel a peace-ful hap - pi - ness, so warm and hope - ful too, The Ho - ly Ghost is".

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tell - ing me the Book of Mor - mon's true!

This musical system covers measures 30 through 32, which concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "tell - ing me the Book of Mor - mon's true!". The system ends with a double bar line.

4. I did not follow Ammon, who refused to be a king,
Into the land of Nephi, to the Lamanites to bring
The gospel of repentance to a people full of sin,
To serve the Lord's sheep one by one, draw many unto Him.

5. I did not stand with Abish as a servant to the queen,
Or gather all the people to behold the wondrous scene!
I did not wake the sleeping queen, or take her by the hand,
So God's almighty power could change hearts throughout the land.

6. I did not watch Moroni tear his coat for liberty,
In memory of freedom, and of peace and family.
With armor gleaming, rally all to join him in the fight,
To promise to remember God, and pledge to choose the right!

7. We did not march to battle as a stripling warrior band,
And fight with strength and honor as we kept the Lord's commands.
But we can learn obedience; to cov'nants we'll be true,
And trust in God's deliv'ring power because our mothers knew.

8. I did not lead my family by my brother Jared's wish,
And follow God's instructions to build boats tight like a dish.
I did not see God's finger as He made each stone to glow,
Then faithful, see the rest of Him - a witness of the Lord!

9. I did not feel my Savior place his hands upon my head,
Or hear how much He loved me in the tender prayer He said.
I did not touch the nail prints in His hands and feet and then
Believe He was the Son of God, and that He lived again!

10. I did not pray with Joseph on that morning, crisp and cold,
Or wonder at the symbols on the tablets made of gold,
Or witness of the restored truth to heed my Father's call,
I did not have to give my life in testament of all.

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