

# COLUMBUS. C.M.D.

"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." -- Heb. 10:38.

F# Minor Mercer's Cluster, 1823.

Columbian Harmony, 1829.

1. Oh, once I had a glo-r'ous view Of my re-deem-ing Lord,  
 He said, "I'll be a God to you," And I be-lieved His word. But now I have a deep-er stroke Than all my groan-ings are; My

2. Oh, what im-mor-tal joys I felt On that ce-les-tial day,  
 When my hard heart be-gan to melt, By love dis-solved a-way! But my com-plaint is bit-ter now, For all my joys are gone; I've

God has me of late for-sook; He's gone, I know not where.

strayed! I'm left! I know not how; The light's from me withdrawn.

- 3. Once I could joy the saints to meet,  
 To me they were most dear;  
 I then could stoop to wash their feet,  
 And shed a joyful tear;  
 But now I meet them as the rest,  
 And with them joyless stay;  
 My conversation's spiritless,  
 Or else I've naught to say.
- 4. I once could mourn o'er dying men,  
 And longed their souls to win;  
 I travailed for their poor children,  
 And warned them of their sin;  
 But now my heart's so careless grown,  
 Although they're drowned in vice,  
 My bowels o'er them cease to yearn--  
 My tears have left mine eyes.
- 5. I forward go in duty's way,  
 But can't perceive Him there;  
 Then backward on the road I stray,  
 But cannot find Him there;  
 On the left hand, where He doth work,  
 Among the wicked crew,  
 And on the right I find Him not  
 Among the favored few.
- 6. What shall I do? Shall I lie down  
 And sink in deep despair?  
 Will He forever wear a frown,  
 Nor hear my feeble prayer?  
 No; He will put His strength in me,  
 He knows the way I've strolled,  
 And when I'm tried sufficiently  
 I shall come forth as gold.