

Farewell, Our Friends and Brethren!

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1. Farewell, our friends and brethren!
Here take the parting hand -
We go to preach the gospel
To ev'ry foreign land.
2. Farewell our wives and children,
Who render life so sweet -
Dry up your tears - be faithful
Till we again do meet.
3. Farewell ye scenes of childhood,
And fancies of our youth;
We go to combat error
With everlasting truth.
4. Farewell all carnal pleasure,
Which gilds the scenes of mirth,
Your days are surely number'd
To trouble man on earth.
5. Farewell, farewell our country -
Our home is now abroad
To labor in the vineyard,
In righteousness for God.
6. The gallant ships are ready
To waft us o'er the sea,
To gather up the blessed,
That Zion may be free.