Biscuits and Butter

Carrie Newcomer

Daniel said traveling's risky

But the money's awful good

When I get back we can finally

Get ahead sure we could

He left the fifth of December

Took our oldest boy Ben

I packed them biscuits and butter

And never saw them againHow can I keep on walking

God Almighty tell me this

One foot in front of the other

One foot in front of the nextI sent my second oldest baby

Out to find his next of kin

They found the wagon in the springtime

Up on Killbuck River edge

He was quieter than his brother

And his brother's closest friend

I packed him biscuits and butter

And never saw him againHow can I keep on walking

God Almighty tell me this

One foot in front of the other

One foot in front of the nextThey found the bones of our team of oxen

The shirt I'd sewn with my own hands

They found the basket I'd pack the biscuits

But not a trace of my men

I think I'll go down to the river

I think I'll take up throwing stones

I think I'll cry until I'm finished

And I learn to sleep aloneHow can I keep on walking

God Almighty tell me this

One foot in front of the other

One foot in front of the nextI think I'll go down to the river

I think I'll take up throwing stones

I'll never make another biscuit

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