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**LYRICS**

We got a long way to travel

Children we got a long way to travel, Lord

Children we got a long way to travel

Well I just want to make it in the kingdom

Well I just want to make it in the kingdom, Lord

Well I just want to make it in the kingdom

Children I got a long way to travel

Children I got a long way to travel, Lord

Children I got a long way to travel

Well I just want to make it over yonder

Well I just want to make it over yonder, Lord

Well I just want to make it over yonder

Well I got on my travelin' shoes

Well I got on my travelin' shoes, Lord

Well I got on my travelin' shoes

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