

## Trouble In The Amen Corner

Jimmy Dean

It was a stylish congregation you could see they'd been around  
And they had the biggest pipe organ of any church in town  
But over in the Amen Corner of that church sat Brother Ayer  
And he insisted every Sunday on singing in the choir.  
His voice was cracked and broken age had touched his vocal chords  
And nearly every Sunday he'd get behind and miss the words  
Well, the choir got so flustered the church was told in fine  
That Brother Ayer must stop his singing or the choir was going to resign.  
So the pastor appointed a committee. I think it was three or four  
And they got in their big fine cars and drove up to Ayer's door  
They find the choir's great trouble sittin' there in an old arm chair  
And the summer's golden sunbeams lay upon his snow white hair.  
Said York we're here dear Brother with the vestries approbation  
To discuss a little matter that affects the congregation  
Now it seems that your voice has interfered with the choir  
So if you'll just lay out are you listening Brother Ayer.  
The old man raised his head a sign that he had hear  
And on his cheek the three men caught the glitter of a tear  
His feeble hands pushed back the locks as white as silky snow  
And he answered the committee in a voice both soft and low.  
I wonder if beyond the tide that's breaking at my feet  
In that far off heavenly temple where my Master and I shall meet  
Yes, I wonder if when I try to sing the song of God up higher  
I wonder if they'll kick me out of there for singing in heaven's choir.  
A silence filled the little room and the old man bowed his head  
The committee went on back to town but Brother Ayer was dead  
The choir missed him for awhile but he was soon forgotten  
A few church goers watched the door but the old man entered not  
Far away his voice is sweet and he sings his heart desire  
Where are there no church committees and no fashionable choirs.  
Let me hide myself in Thee...