Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” &
“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”

Although they are both commonly thought of as spirituals, “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” is actually an Appalachian “journey song” that related to the message of Psalm 23. "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" is an African-American spiritual, or slave song, that expresses the pain suffered by the slaves, while offering hope. These two spirituals work together well thematically, as well as musically. This is true of many spirituals, since they are very simple melodies and harmonies that speak of struggle, injustice, faith and hope.

Check out this performance from The Riverside Inspirational Choir:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jQJeu0N9XQ