

## Program Notes

*Songs for the Journey* was originally commissioned to be a companion piece to Fauré's Requiem. I have long admired the score of the Requiem for its personal tone, and for the way in which Fauré emphasized the beauty and intimacy of the traditional Latin texts. In assembling the movements of *Songs for the Journey*, I chose texts with uniquely personal stories and connections. *More Love*, a song I had written for my wife when we were expecting our first child, became the cornerstone movement. Together, the five movements explore similar themes as the traditional Latin Requiem—love, faith, and mortality—but in a non-liturgical framework, with poems and texts drawn from a variety of sources.

—Kevin Siegfried

### Available Editions

Each choral movement is available separately. Orchestrations of the complete work may be licensed for each movement upon request.

Into Your Hands	8785
When All That's Left of Me Is Love	8786
More Love	8787
<b>Celtic Blessing</b>	<b>8788</b>

### *Songs for the Journey*

#### Complete Work Accompaniment Options

Keyboard (Piano or Organ)	
Choral Score	8784
Harp (Piano) and Strings	
Full Score	8784A
Parts	8784B
"Fauré Orchestration" (Chamber Orchestra)	
2 Horns in F, Harp, Organ, and Low Strings (Viola, Violoncello, Contrabass)	
Full Score and Parts	Rental
Additional Full Score	8784C

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# Celtic Blessing

from *Songs for the Journey*  
for SATB Chorus (divisi) and Keyboard

Traditional

Kevin Siegfried (ASCAP)

Simply ♩ = ca. 63

Keyboard



S

5

*p*

May the road rise up to meet you, may the

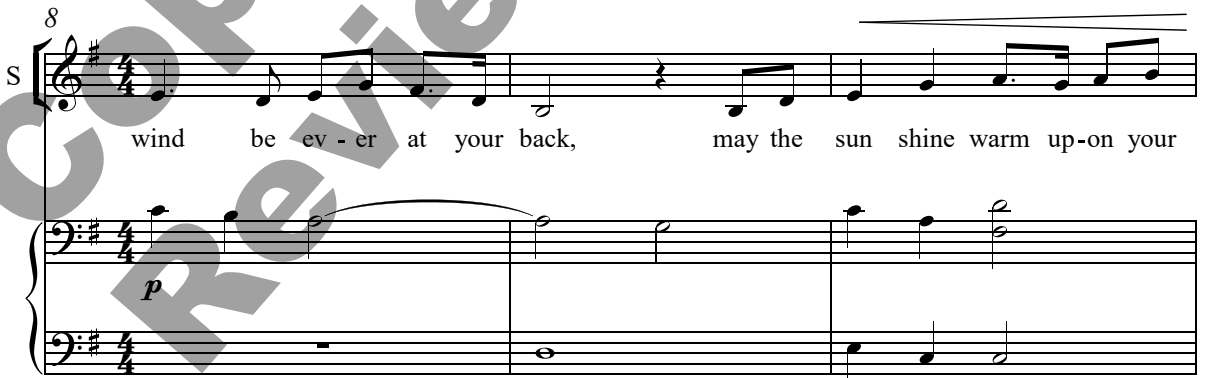


S

8

wind be ev - er at your back, may the sun shine warm up-on your

*p*



11

S face, and the rain fall soft up-on your fields. May the

A

T

B

*mp*

*mp*

May the



14

road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ev - er at your

road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ev - er at your

*mp*

may the wind be ev - er at your

*(p)*



17 *cresc. poco a poco*

back, may the sun shine warm up-on your face, and the

*cresc. poco a poco*

back, may the sun shine warm up-on your face, and the

*cresc. poco a poco*

back, may the sun shine warm up-on your face, and the

*mp cresc. poco a poco*

the sun up - on your face, the

*mp*

20 *mf*

rain fall soft up-on your fields; and un - til we meet a -

*mf*

rain fall soft up-on your fields; and un - til we meet a -

*mf*

rain fall soft up-on your fields; and un - til we meet a -

*mf*

rain up - on your fields; and un - til we meet a -

*mf*

23

*poco f*

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

*poco f*

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

*poco f*

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

*poco f*

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

*p.*

26

*mf warm and full*

hand. May the road rise up to meet you, may the

*mf warm and full*

hand. May the road rise up to meet you, may the

*mf warm and full*

hand. May the road rise up to meet you, may the

*mf warm and full*

hand. May the road rise up to meet you, may the

*for rehearsal only*

29

*cresc.*

wind\_ be ev - er at your back, \_\_\_\_\_ may the sun shine warm up - on your

*cresc.*

wind be ev - er at your back, \_\_\_\_\_ may the sun shine warm up - on your

*cresc.*

8 wind be ev - er at your back, \_\_\_\_\_ may the sun shine warm up - on your

*cresc.*

wind be ev - er at your back, \_\_\_\_\_ may the sun shine warm up - on your

32

*poco f*

face, and the rain fall soft up - on your fields; and un -

*poco f*

face, and the rain fall soft up - on your fields; and un -

*poco f*

8 face, and the rain fall soft up - on your fields; and un -

*poco f*

face, and the rain fall soft up - on your fields; and un -

*mp*

35

til we meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

til we meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

til we meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

til we meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

*mf*

38

palm of his hand. *f* And un - til we meet a -

palm of his hand. *f* And un - til we meet a -

palm of his hand. *f* And un - til we meet a -

palm of his hand. *f* And un - til we meet a -

*poco f*

41

hold you in the palm — of his

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

gain, may God hold you in the palm of his

44

*poco rit.* **Tranquillo** ♩ = ca. 58

*p* *cresc.*

hand. May the road rise up to meet you, may God

*p* *cresc.*

hand. May the road rise up to meet you, may God

*p cresc.*

hand. May God

*p cresc.*

hand. May God

*poco rit.* **Tranquillo** ♩ = ca. 58



48 *(cresc.)* *molto rit.* *mf*

hold you in the palm — of his hand.

*(cresc.)* *mf*

hold you in the palm of his hand.

*(cresc.)* *mf*

hold you in the palm of his hand.

*(cresc.)* *mf*

hold you in the palm of his hand.

*molto rit.*

*cresc.* *mf*