

# Song of Farewell

Based on *In Paradisum*

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Keyboard accompaniment by Bob Harrold

## INTRO Gently (♩. = ca. 54)

Keyboard

*mp*

*p*

*mp*

*p*

Chords: Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Fm, Eb/G, Cm, Fm, Bb7, Ab/Eb, Eb, A/Eb, Eb

Word: FAREWELL

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\*When oboe plays the Intro, keyboard enters here as soloist plays final note.

Oboe, Violin and Viola parts are available from the publisher, edition 70270.

OSTINATO REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Melody *mp*

Go now in peace, faith - ful friend

Harmony *mp*

Go in peace, O friend

VERSES: Cantor *mf*

1. I know my Sav -  
2. My sheep herd is

\*Keyboard I  
Eb *mp* Eb/G Fm

\*Keyboard II  
Eb *mp* Eb/G Fm

\*Play Keyboard I first few times, then switch to Keyboard II as verses and harmony are added.

STARS

of God, as you take our  
of God. Take our  
1. ior lives! His  
2. the Lord. My  
A♭maj7/E♭ B♭7 B♭ Fm A♭maj7  
A♭maj7/E♭ B♭7 B♭ Fm A♭maj7

**WELL MEANS**

love \_\_\_\_\_ in - to par - a - dise. \_\_\_\_\_

love to \_\_\_\_\_ p \_\_\_\_\_ a - dise. \_\_\_\_\_

1. voice will bid me rise  
2. spir - it wants for noth -

Bb7 Bb Eb Ab Eb

Bb7 Bb Eb Ab Eb

**SHEETMUSIC**

God's ho - ly an - gels will  
God's on an - gels  
1. a - gain! And on that  
2. ing more. val - leys

Ebsus4 Eb Eb/G

Ebsus4 Eb Eb/G

**W  
L  
E  
M  
A  
S**

lead you home to the wide

lead you home fa -

1. fi - nal day I  
2. fresh and green I

A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm7 E $\flat$ /G

A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm7 E $\flat$ /G

**SHEETS**

wait - ing arms of the Lord.

- vored of e Lo

1-2. shall re - jice with the Lo

Cm Fm7 Bb7 Eb Ab/Eb Eb

Cm Fm7 Bb7 Ab/Eb Eb

**WELCOME**

The image displays a musical score for the piece "Song of Farewell". The score is arranged in four systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system is labeled "To Refrain, Final" and ends with a fermata and the word "(Fine)". The second system is also labeled "To Refrain, Final" and ends with a fermata and "(Fine)". The third system is labeled "To Refrain, Final" and includes the instruction "last time molto rit." with an arrow pointing to the first measure. It features two measures with the chords A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  and E $\flat$ , and ends with a fermata and "(Fine)". The fourth system is labeled "To Verses" and includes the chords A $\flat$ , E $\flat$ /G, Fm, B $\flat$ 7sus2, and B $\flat$ . The text "FAREWELL SAYS" is written vertically in large, bold, black letters across the center of the page, overlapping the musical staves.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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**INTRO** *Gently* (♩. = ca.54)

Capo 1: (D) Eb (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (Em) Fm

*mp*

(Oboe/Keyboard)

(D/F#) Eb/G (Em) Fm (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb\*

(G/D) Ab/Eb (D) Eb (G/D) Ab/Eb (D) Eb

**OSTINATO REFRAIN:** 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; then after: All

*mp* (D) Eb (D/F#) Eb/G (Em) Fm (Gmaj7/D) Abmaj7/Eb (A7) Bb7 (A) Bb

Go now in peace,  ful friend of God, as you

**VERSES:** Cantor

*mf*

1. I know my Sav - ior lives! \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. My shep - herd the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

(Em) Fm (Gmaj7) Abmaj7 (A7) Bb7 (A) Eb (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb

take our love in par - a - dise.

1. His voice will bid me rise  
 2. My spir - it wants for noth -

\*When oboe plays the Intro, guitar enters here as soloist plays final note.

(Dsus4) Eb/sus4 (D) Eb (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G

God's ho - ly an - gels will lead you

1. a - gain! And on that fi - nal  
2. ing - more. In nal that leys fresh - and

(Em7) Fm7 (D/F#) Eb/G (Bb) C (Em7) Fm7 (A7) Bb7

home to the wide wait - ing arms of the

1. day \_\_\_\_\_ shall re - jice with the  
2. green \_\_\_\_\_ shall re - jice with the

(D) Eb (G/D) Ab/Eb (D) Eb (G/D) Ab/Eb (D) Eb (Fine)

Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ (Keyboard)

1-2. Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ (Keyboard)

*last time molto rit.*

To Verses (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (Em) Fm (A7sus2) Bb7sus2 (A) Bb

(Keyboard)

G/D  
xxo

A7sus2  
xo oooo

Gmaj7/D  
xxoooo

## Assembly Edition

SONG OF FAREWELL

Dan Schutte

Ostinato Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Go now in peace, faith-ful friend of God, as you  
take our love on - to p - a - dise.  
God's ho - ly an - gels will lead you home to the  
wide wait - ing a

Verses: Cantor

1. I know my Savior Jesus!  
His voice will bid me rise again!  
And on that final day  
I shall rejoice with the Lord.
2. My shepherd is the Lord.  
My shepherd is the Lord.  
In valleys fresh and green  
I shall rejoice with the Lord.

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## Performance Notes

One of the things we need to do as part of celebrating the funeral rites is to say “goodbye” to our loved one and to give them over to the care of God. This piece, based on the traditional *In Paradisum* text, allows us to do that in song.

In the Order of Christian Funerals, the Song of Farewell is part of the Final Commendation, which is usually celebrated in the church at the end of the funeral liturgy. This song can be used at the graveside as well. Psychologically, this is usually when the real moment of departure takes place. It may be helpful to use this piece both in the church and at the graveside, thus allowing people time to bid their farewell.

This piece is very simple and can be performed with or without accompaniment. The basis for the piece is a continuing ostinato refrain, which can be increasingly embellished to build the song's intensity by adding verses, harmonies, descants, solo instruments and a fuller keyboard accompaniment.

—Dan Schutte