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**Carry Me Home**  
SATB Choir, Piano, Guitar,  
Solo Instrument in C, and Assembly

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## Carry Me Home

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Owen Alstott  
Hymns of Light, Volume 2

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**INTRO** *With some rubato* (♩ = ca. 63)

C C/E F C F G F C Csus4

Piano *p*

**VERSE 1: Soprano/Alto (or soloist)**

*p*

1. End of day soft-ly fall-ing in-to night. O Je - sus, car-ry me home. —

C C/E F C F C G

1. Now the work of the pres-ent day is done. O Je - sus, car-ry me home. —

C C7/E F C F G F C F/A

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## VERSE 2

S/A

*mp*

2. Joy - ful song, joy - ful laugh - ter si - lent fall. O Je - sus,

*mp*  
Tenor/Bass

C C/E F C F

2. car - ry me home. — Pure and bright shall the

C G C C7/E

2. mem - ry lin - ger on. O Je - sus, car - ry me home. —

F C F G F C

## REFRAIN

Car - ry me home, \_ car - ry me home. \_ O Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_

G G7/B C C/E F C

Car - ry me home, \_ car - ry me home. \_

G G7/B C C7/E F

O Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_

D7/F# C/G G F C G/A

## VERSE 3

S *mf*

A

3. In God's hands to for - ev - er safe - ly rest. O Je - sus, car - ry me home. —

T

B *mf*

D D/F# G D G D

3. — Now ful - filled in cre - a - tion's won - drous

A D D7/F# G

3. plan. O Je - sus, car - ry me home. —

D G A G D

## REFRAIN

The musical score for the Refrain of "Carry Me Home" is presented in three systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamics are marked *mf-f*.

**System 1:** The vocal line begins with "Car - ry me home, —" and "car - ry me home. —" followed by "O Je - sus,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. Chords indicated below the piano part are A, A7/C#, D, D/F#, and G.

**System 2:** The vocal line continues with "car - ry me home. —" and "Car - ry me home, —". The piano accompaniment continues with chords D, A, A7/C#, D, and D7/F#.

**System 3:** The vocal line concludes with "car - ry me home. —" and "O Je - sus, car - ry me home. —". The piano accompaniment includes chords G, E7/G#, D/A, A, G, and a final D chord. First endings are marked with a "1" above the staff.

2 *rit.* *S/A (or soloist)* *Freely* *p*

As my last prayer as-cends, 'round me fam - 'ly and gen - tle friends. —

2 *Freely* *p*

D G/D D G D/F# F#7/A# Bm G

*A little slower than beginning* *S/A mp*

Car - ry me home, — car - ry me home. — O Je - sus,

T/B *mp*

*A little slower than beginning* *mp*

D D7/F# G E7/G# D/A

*S/A (or soloist)* *molto rit.*

car - ry me home. — O Je - sus, car - ry me home.

A Bm E7/G# D/A A G D

*molto rit.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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C C/E F C F G F C Csus4

*p*

(Pno)

**VERSE 1: Soprano/Alto (or soloist)**

C C/E F C F C G

*p*

1. End of day soft-ly fall-ing in - to night. O Je - sus, car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_

C C7/E F C F G F C F/A

1. Now the work of the pres-ent day is done. O Je - sus, car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_

**VERSE 2: All**

C C/E F C F C G

*mp*

2. Joy - ful song, joy-ful laugh-ter si-lent fall. O Je - sus, car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_

C C7/E F C F G F C

2. Pure and bright shall the mem-ry lin-ger on. O Je - sus, car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_

**REFRAIN**

G G7/B C C/E F C G G7/B

Car-ry me home,\_\_\_\_ car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_ O Je - sus, car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_

C C7/E F D7/F# C/G G F C G/A

Car-ry me home,\_\_\_\_ car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_ O Je - sus, car-ry me home.\_\_\_\_



## VERSE 3

*mf* D D/F# G D G D A

3. In God's hands to for - ev - er safe - ly rest. O Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_\_\_

D D7/F# G D G A G D

3. Now ful - filled in cre - a - tion's won - drous plan. O Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_\_\_

## REFRAIN

*mf-f* A A7/C# D D/F# G D A A7/C#

Car - ry me home, \_\_\_ car - ry me home. \_ O Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_\_\_

D D7/F# G E7/G# D/A A G 1  
D

Car - ry me home, \_\_\_ car - ry me home. \_ O Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_\_\_

*rit.* 2 D G/D D *Freely* G D/F# F#7/A# Bm G

*S/A (or soloist)* *p*

\_\_\_ As my last prayer as - cends, 'round me fam - 'ly and gen - tle friends. \_\_\_

*A little slower than beginning*

*All mp* D D7/F# G E7/G#

Car - ry me home, \_\_\_ car - ry me home. \_\_\_ O

D/A A Bm E7/G# D/A A G D

*S/A (or soloist)* *molto rit.*

Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_\_\_ O Je - sus, car - ry me home. \_\_\_

## Composer Notes

Owen Alstott's gentle text from the second volume of his *Hymns of Light* (OCP Editions #30106930, #30114459) was the inspiration for this musical setting. Its themes of faith, hope, and trust make it particularly suitable to the funeral liturgy, as an entrance processional song, at the Song of Farewell, or during the Procession to the Place of Committal. It is likewise appropriate during the Anointing of the Sick, and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (both for All Souls Day and for commemoration observances during the month of November).

Musically, let the song begin quietly, grow throughout the following refrains and verses, and then end gently again.

—Rick Modlin

Preview

# Carry Me Home

VIOLIN or \*FLUTE

Rick Modlin

INTRO *With some rubato* (♩ = ca. 63)

VERSE 1

VERSE 2

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

REFRAIN

*A little slower than beginning*

\*Flute plays upper octave.

# Assembly Edition

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Verses

1. End of day soft-ly fall-ing in - to night. }  
 2. Joy - ful song, joy-ful laugh-ter si-lent fall. } O Je - sus,  
 3. In God's hands to for - ev - er safe-ly rest. }

1-3. car-ry me home. }  
 1. Now the work of the pres-ent day is done.  
 2. Pure and bright shall the mem-'ry lin - ger on.  
 3. Now ful - filled in cre - a-tion's won-drous plan.

1-3. O Je - sus, car - ry me home. 1 to Verse 2 2, 3

Refrain

Car-ry me home, car-ry me home. O Je - sus, car-ry me home.

Car - ry me home, car - ry me home. O Je - sus,

car - ry me home. 1: to Verse 3 Last time  
2: repeat Refrain

fam - 'ly and gen - tle friends. Car - ry me home,

car - ry me home. O Je - sus, car - ry me home.

O Je - sus, car - ry me home.

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