

A Blessing

Text: An ancient Irish blessing and
extracts from the Carmina Gadelica

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Andante lento ♩ = 56

p solenne

S. May the road rise up to

A. May the road rise up to

T. May the road rise up to

B. May the road rise up to

Vc *mp* *p*

Andante lento ♩ = 56

4

S. meet you. May the wind be al - ways at your

A. meet you. May the wind be al - ways at your

T. meet you. May the wind be al - ways at your

B. meet you. May the wind be al - ways at your

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S. *p*
back. _____ May the sun shine

A. *p*
back. _____ May the sun shine

T. *p*
back. _____ May the sun shine

B. *p*
back. _____ May the sun shine

Vc *p* *mp* *pp*
3 3

10

S. *mp* *p*
warm up - on your face, the rains fall

A. *mp* *p*
warm up - on your face, the rains fall

T. *mp* *p*
warm up - on your face, the rains fall

B. *mp* *p*
warm up - on your face, the rains fall

Vc *mp* *p*
3

13

S. *pp* *p dim.*
soft - ly up - on your fields, and un - til we

A. *pp* *p dim.*
soft - ly up - on your fields, and un - til we

T. *pp* *p dim.*
soft - ly up - on your fields, and un - til we

B. *pp* *p dim.*
soft - ly up - on your fields, and un - til we

Vc *p sempre*
3 3

16

S. *pp*
meet a - gain, may God hold you

A. *pp*
meet a - gain, may God hold you

T. *pp*
meet a - gain, may God hold you

B. *pp*
meet a - gain, may God hold you

Vc *pp* *p* *p*
3

19 [=]

S. in the palm of his hand.

A. in the palm of his hand.

T. [=] in the palm of his hand.

B. [=] in the palm of his hand.

Vc *pp* *mp* *mf*

22 **Poco piu mosso** ♩ = 66

S.

A.

T. *mp* *mf dolce*
The arm of the God of life be

B. *mp* *mf dolce*
The arm of the God of life be

Vc. **Poco piu mosso** ♩ = 66
mp *p*

25 *mp*

S. The arm of Christ the lov - ing be thine,

A. *mp*
The arm of Christ the lov - ing be thine,

T. *mp*
thine, the arm of the

B. *mp*
thine, the arm of the

Vc

28 *mf*

S. the arm of the Spi - rit
the arm of the Spi - rit

A. *mf*
the arm, the arm of the Spi - rit

T. *mf*
Spi - rit Ho - ly be thine, the arm of the Spi - rit

B. *mf*
Spi - rit Ho - ly be thine, the arm of the Spi - rit

Vc

31

S. *mp*
Ho - ly be thine, to

A. *mp*
Ho - ly be thine, to

T. *mp*
Ho - ly be thine, to

B. *mp*
Ho - ly be thine, to

Vc *mf*

33

S. *p*
shield thee and sur - round thee. *ritardando*

A. *p*
shield thee and sur round thee. *ritardando*

T. *p*
shield thee and sur - round thee. *ritardando*

B. *p*
shield thee and sur - round thee. *ritardando*

Vc *mp* *ritardando*

Tempo primo

36 *p*

S. God be with thee in e - - v'ry

A. *p* God be with thee in e - - v'ry

T. *p* God be with thee in e - - v'ry

B. *p* God be with thee in e - - v'ry

Tempo primo

Vc *p*

39 *p sempre, non cresc.*

S. pass, Je - sus be with thee on

A. *p sempre, non cresc.* pass, Je - sus be with thee on

T. *p sempre, non cresc.* pass, Je - sus be with thee on

B. *p sempre, non cresc.* pass, Je - sus be with thee on

Vc *mp* *> p*

42

S. *mp non troppo* *non cresc.*
e - - v'ry hill, Spi - rit

A. *mp non troppo* *non cresc.*
e - - v'ry hill, Spi - rit

T. *mp non troppo* *non cresc.*
e - - v'ry hill, Spi - rit

B. *mp non troppo* *non cresc.*
e v'ry hill, Spi - rit

Vc

poco ritard. poco ten. A tempo [tempo I]

45

S. *p* *p*
be with thee on e - v'ry stream, each sea and

A. *p* *p*
be with thee on e - v'ry stream, each sea and

T. *p* *p*
be with thee on e - v'ry stream, each sea and

B. *p* *p*
be with thee on e - v'ry stream, each sea and

poco ritard. poco ten. A tempo [tempo I]

Vc

48

S. land, each moor and mea - - dow, each ly - ing down,

A. land, each moor and mea - - dow, each ly - ing down,

T. land, each moor and mea - - dow, each ly - ing down,

B. land, each moor and mea - - dow, each ly - ing down,

Vc *mp* 3 *p*

poco a poco affrettando **Tempo II ♩ = 66**

51

S. *mp* ————— *mf*
 — each ri - sing up, in a trough of the

A. *mp* ————— *mf*
 — each ri - sing up, in a trough of the

T. *mp* ————— *mf*
 — each ri - sing up, in a trough of the

B. *mp* ————— *mf*
 — each ri - sing up, in a trough of the

Vc **poco a poco affrettando** **Tempo II ♩ = 66**

54 **allargando**

f *cresc.*

S. waves, on the crest of the bil - lows, each step

A. waves, on the crest of the bil - lows, each step

T. waves, on the crest of the bil - lows, each step

B. waves, on the crest of the bil - lows, each step

Vc **allargando**

Tempo giusto, poco tenuto

57 *ff* *f* **affrettando** [div:]

S. of the jour - ney that thou go - est, _____

A. of the jour - ney that thou go - est, _____

T. of the jour - ney that thou go - est, _____

B. of the jour - ney that thou go - est, _____

Vc **Tempo giusto, poco tenuto** **affrettando** *ff* *f*

60 **Piu mosso** ♩ = 72 *mf*

S. *mf* each step

S. *mf* each step that thou go - -

A. *mf* each step that thou go -

T. *mf* [div:] each

Vc **Piu mosso** ♩ = 72 *mf*

62

S. that thou go - - est, each

S. - est, each step that thou go -

A. - - est, each step that thou

T. step that thou go - - - - est,

T. step that thou go - - - - est,

B. *mf* each step that thou

64

S. *step that thou go - est,*

S. *est, that thou go - est,*

A. *go - est, each step that thou*

T. *each step that thou go - est, that thou*

T. *each step, each step that thou*

B. *go - - - est, that thou go - -*

Vc *mf f*

66

S. *f* each step of the jour - ney that thou go -

S. *f* each step of the jour - ney that thou go -

A. go - est, *f* unis. each step of the jour - - ney

T. go - - - est, *f* each step of the jour - ney that thou

T. go - - - est, *f* each step of the jour - ney that thou

B. - est, *f* each step of the jour - ney that thou

Vc. *ff* *f*

ritornando al tempo primo

69 *mf* *poco dim. di piu* *mp*

S. - est, the jour - ney_ that thou go -

S. *mf* *poco dim. di piu* *mp*

- est, the_ jour - ney that_ thou go -

A. *mf* *poco dim. di piu* *mp*

that_ thou go - est, the jour - ney that thou go -

T. *mf* *poco dim. di piu* *mp*

go - - - est, the jour - ney that_ thou go -

T. *mf* *mf* *poco dim. di piu* *mp*

go - est, the_ jour - ney that thou go -

B. *mf* *poco dim. di piu* *mp*

go - - - est, the jour - ney that thou go -

Vc *mf* *mp*

ritornando al tempo primo

72 **Tempo primo** 15

S. *p* *pp* **tenuto**

S. *p* *pp*

A. *p* *pp*

T. *p* *pp*

T. *p* *pp*

B. *p* *pp*

Vc **Tempo primo** **tenuto**

p *mp* *dim.*

75 **A tempo, ancora poco piu lento, quietissimo**

S. *pp*

A. *pp*

T. *pp*

B. *pp*

Vc *pp* *p*

May the road rise up to meet you,

May the road rise up to meet you,

May the road rise up to meet you,

May the road rise up to meet you,

78

S. *p*
May the wind be al - ways at your back._____

A. *p*
May the wind be al - ways at your back._____

T. *p*
may the wind be al - ways at your back._____

B. *p*
May the wind be al - ways at your back._____

Vc *pp*
pp

81

S. *mp non cresc.* *p*
May the sun shine warm up - on your face,_____

A. *mp non cresc.* *p*
May the sun shine warm up - on your face,_____

T. *mp non cresc.* *p*
May the sun shine warm up - on your face,_____

B. *mp non cresc.* *p*
May the sun shine warm up - on your face,_____

Vc *mp non cresc.*
mp non cresc.

84 *p sempre*

S. *p sempre*
 the rains fall soft up-on your fields. And un-til we

A. *p sempre*
 the rains fall soft up-on your fields. And un-til we

T. *p sempre*
 the rains fall soft up-on your fields. And un-til we

B. *p sempre*
 the rains fall soft up-on your fields. And un-til we

Vc *p*

87 *mf* *mp* *p*

S. *mf* *mp* *p*
 meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

A. *mf* *mp* *p*
 meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

T. *mf* *mp* *p*
 meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

B. *mf* *mp* *p*
 meet a - gain, may God hold you in the

Vc *mp* *p*

18

90

S. *pp*
palm of his hand.

A. *pp*
palm of his hand.

T. *pp*
palm of his hand.

B. *pp*
palm of his hand.

Vc *p*
3

93

ritard. **A tempo [tempo I]**

S. *pp molto sostenuto*
Mmm,

A. *pp molto sostenuto*
Mmm,

T. *pp molto sostenuto*
Mmm,

B. *pp molto sostenuto*
Mmm,

ritard. **A tempo [tempo I]**

Vc *ritard.* **A tempo [tempo I]**
3

96

S. *pp sempre*
mmm,

A. *pp sempre*
mmm,

T. *pp sempre*
mmm,

B. *pp sempre*
mmm,

Vc *pp* *pp* *mp*

100

S. *pp*
mmm,

A. *pp*
mmm,

T. *pp*
mmm,

B. *pp*
mmm,

Vc *mf* *p* *pp*

20

103 *p* *pp* *pp*

S. *pp* *pp* *pp*
mmm, _____

A. *p* *pp* *pp*
mmm, _____

T. *p* *pp* *pp*
mmm, _____

B. *p* *pp* *pp*
mmm, _____

Vc *pp* *p* 3 3 *pp*

106 *ppp* *pp*

S. *ppp* *pp*
mmm, _____

A. *ppp* *pp*
mmm, _____

T. *ppp* *pp*
mmm, _____

B. *ppp* *pp*
mmm, _____

Vc *pp* *p*

109

S. *mmm, ___* *mmm, ___*

A. *mmm, ___* *mmm, ___*

T. *mmm, ___* *mmm, ___*

B. *mmm, ___* *mmm, ___*

Vc. *pp* *pp*

112

S. *ppp* *mmm.* *dim. a niente al fine*

A. *ppp* *mmm.* *dim. a niente al fine*

T. *ppp* *mmm.* *dim. a niente al fine*

B. *ppp* *mmm.* *dim. a niente al fine*

Vc. *p* *ppppp*

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