

For my dear friend, Paula Gibson, in memory of her father, Samuel R. Cobb

TWO IRISH BLESSINGS

for S.A.T.B. voices, a cappella

Words from a
Traditional Irish Blessing

Music by
GLEND A FRANKLIN

1. May the Road Rise to Meet You

Expressively (♩ = ca. 72)

SOPRANO
mp
 May the road rise to meet you. May the

ALTO
mp
 May the road rise to meet you. May the

TENOR
mp
 May the road rise to meet you. May the

BASS
mp
 May the road rise to meet you. May the

Expressively (♩ = ca. 72)

PIANO
 (for rehearsal only)
mp

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wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm up -

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wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm up -

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

on your face. May the rain fall soft - ly on your

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decresc. *poco rit.*

decresc. *poco rit.*

decresc. *poco rit.*

decresc. *poco rit.*

decresc. *poco rit.*

8 *p a tempo* 9

fields. And un - til we meet a - gain, un -

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fields. And un - til we meet a - gain, un -

a tempo p

11 *mp* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

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

mp *poco rit.* *a tempo*

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

mp *poco rit.* *a tempo*

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

mp *poco rit.* *a tempo*

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

mp *poco rit.* *a tempo*

14 *cresc.* *rit.* *mf* , **Freely**

palm of his hand, of his hand. May God

palm of his hand, his hand. May God

palm of his hand, his hand. May God

palm of his hand, his hand. May God

cresc. *rit.* *mf*

cresc. *rit.* *mf*

cresc. *rit.* *mf*

cresc. *rit.* *mf*

cresc. *rit.* *mf*

17 *rit. e decresc.* *pp*

hold you in the palm of his hand.

rit. e decresc. *pp*

hold you the the palm of his hand.

rit. e decresc. *pp*

hold you in the palm of his hand.

rit. e decresc. *pp*

hold you in the palm of his hand.

rit. e decresc. *pp*

rit. e decresc. *pp*

2. May Love and Laughter Light Your Days

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Simply, with rubato (♩ = ca. 72)

SOPRANO

mp *cresc.*

May love and laugh - ter light your days, and

ALTO

mp *cresc.*

May love and laugh - ter light your days, and

TENOR

mp *cresc.*

May love and laugh - ter light your days, and

BASS

mp *cresc.*

May love and laugh - ter light your days, and

Simply, with rubato (♩ = ca. 72)

PIANO
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mp *cresc.*

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rit. e decresc. , *mp* *a tempo e cresc.*
 warm your heart and home. May good and faith - ful

rit. e decresc. , *mp* *a tempo e cresc.*
 warm your heart and home. May good and faith ful

rit. e decresc. , *mp* *a tempo e cresc.*
 warm your heart and home. May good and faith - ful

rit. e decresc. , *mp* *a tempo e cresc.*
 warm your heart and home. May good and faith - ful

rit. e decresc. , *mp* *a tempo e cresc.*

6

rit. e decresc. , *mp*
 friends be yours, wher - ev - er you may roam. May

rit. e decresc. , *mp*
 friends be yours, wher - ev - er you may roam. May

rit. e decresc. , *mp*
 friends be yours, wher - ev - er you may roam. May

rit. e decresc. , *mp*
 friends be yours, wher - ev - er you may roam. May

rit. e decresc. , *mp*

9

a tempo e cresc.

peace and plen - ty bless your world with

a tempo e cresc.

peace and plen - ty bless your world with

a tempo e cresc.

peace and plen - ty bless your world with

a tempo e cresc.

peace and plen - ty bless your world with

a tempo e cresc.

11

*rit. e decresc.**, mp**a tempo e cresc.*

joy that long en - dures. May all life's pass - ing

*rit. e decresc.**, mp**a tempo e cresc.*

joy that long en - dures. May all life's pass - ing

*rit. e decresc.**, mp**a tempo e cresc.*

joy that long en - dures. May all life's pass - ing

*rit. e decresc.**, mp**a tempo e cresc.*

joy that long en - dures. May all life's pass - ing

*rit. e decresc.**mp**a tempo e cresc.*

rit. e decresc.

sea - sons bring the best to you and yours.

rit. e decresc.

sea - sons bring the best to you and yours.

rit. e decresc.

sea - sons bring the best to you and yours.

rit. e decresc.

sea - sons bring the best to you and yours.

rit. e decresc.

17 **Slowly** (♩ = ca. 63)

p *rit.*

Best to you and yours.

p *rit.*

Best to you and yours.

p *rit.*

Best to you and yours.

p *rit.*

Best to you and yours.

Slowly (♩ = ca. 63)