

For Gene and Nancy Lassiter, on their last Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont, West Virginia

An Irish Blessing: Benediction

for SATB choir and piano

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An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Expansive ♩ = c. 44

SOPRANO *pp*
May the road rise up to meet you.——

ALTO *pp*
May the road rise up to meet you.——

TENOR *pp*
May the road rise up to meet you.——

BASS *pp*
May the road rise up to meet you.——

PIANO *pp*

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May the wind al-ways be at your back. May the

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sun shine warm up-on your face, And the rains fall soft

sun shine warm up-on your face, And the rains fall soft

sun shine warm up-on your face, shine warm up-on your face, And the rains fall soft

sun shine warm up-on your face, shine warm up-on your face, And the rains fall soft

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up - on your fields. And un - til we meet a -

up - on your fields. And un - til we meet a -

up - on your fields. And un - til we meet a -

up - on your fields. And un - til we meet a -

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poco accel. *mp* *cresc.* *accel.*

gain. May God hold you, May God hold you in the palm of

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gain. May God hold you, May God hold you in the palm of

mp cresc.

Double time ♩ = 88

A little faster than original tempo ♩ = 56

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ff God's hand. _____ *p* May God hold you... _____

ff God's hand. _____ *p* May God hold you... _____

ff God's hand. _____ *p* May God hold _____

ff God's hand. _____ *p* May God _____

f

hold until it fades naturally

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pp Hold _____ you... _____

pp Hold _____ you... _____

pp you... _____

pp hold _____ you... _____

pp