

Unison/Two-Part

Irish Prayer

\$2.00

Christopher Alexander

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About the Work

A simple and short, yet effective setting of the traditional Irish prayer text. The men and women begin separately, but join together for the last phrases of the song *“And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”*

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

— Traditional Irish prayer

About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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TRADITIONAL

Music by
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

Andante e appassionato (♩ = c. 72)
(if Unison choir, sing cue notes) *mp*

PART I
(Unison Choir)

PART II
(optional)

PIANO

May the road rise to meet you, May the

Andante e appassionato (♩ = c. 72)
mp

mp (sing)
wind be al-ways at your back. May the sun shine warm up - on your face, May the

*This piece may be performed a cappella, starting with the anacrusis to measure 3.

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9 *mf*
rain fall soft u - pon your fields. And un - til we meet a - gain, _____
mf
a - gain, un -

9 *mf*

12 *rit.* *mp* Slower
May God hold you in the
rit. *mp*
til we meet a - gain, Slower

12 *rit.* *mp* a cappella (play cue notes if needed)

15 *p* *rit.*
palm of His hand. _____
p *rit.*

15 *p* play *rit.*
Ped. _____