

FRIENDS

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Intro

Tenor Lead

8

lead narration through intro

Friends, just friends, Always friends.

Bari Bass

8

To the end we're friends.

Bari Bass

Verse *may be sung as lead solo, with other parts singing "ooh"*

8

Pack-ing up the dreams God plant-ed

Bari Bass

8

in the fer-tile soil of you.

Bari Bass

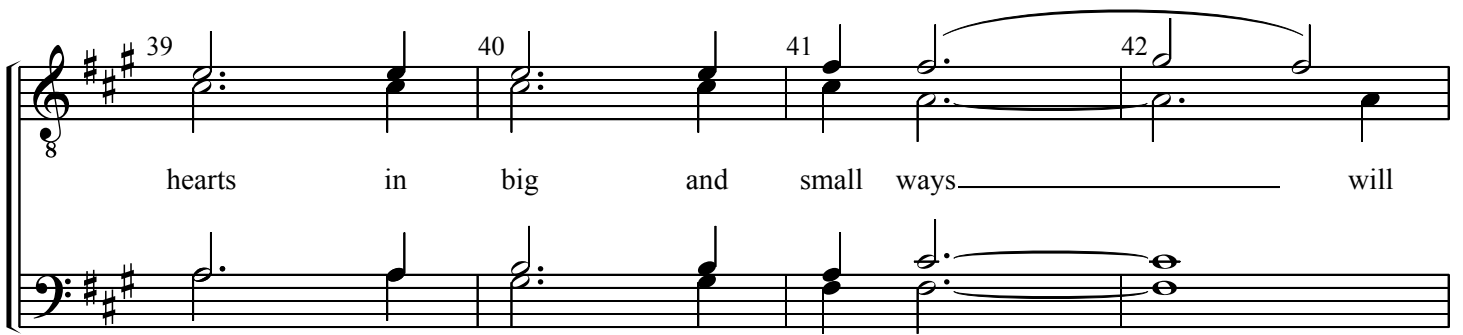
grant - ed _____

Can't be-lieve the hopes He's grant - ed _____ means a

chap - ter in your life is through. But we'll keep you close—

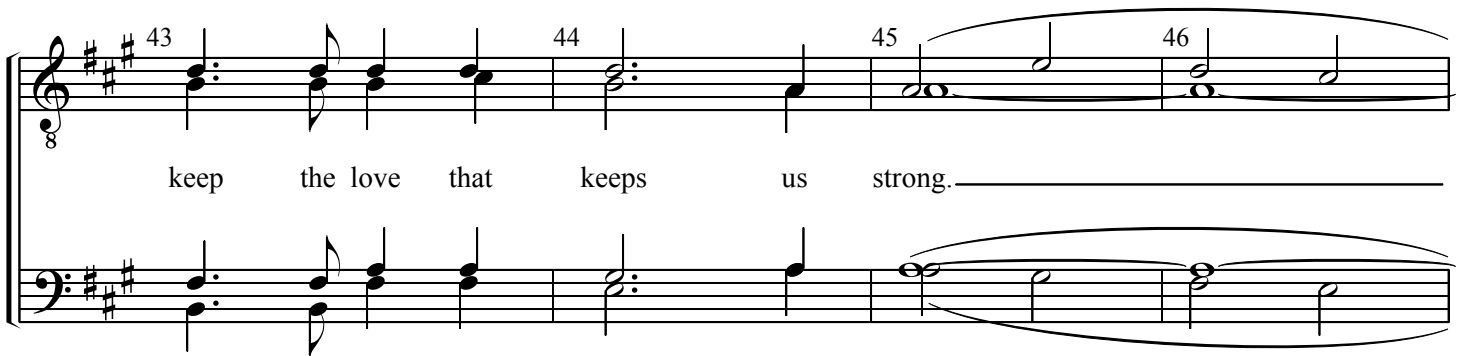
_____ as al - ways. _____ It won't

e - ven seem _____ you're gone, _____ 'cause our



39 40 41 42

hearts in big and small ways will



43 44 45 46

keep the love that keeps us strong.



47 48 49 50

And friends are friends for - ev - er if the



51 52 53 54

Lord's the Lord of them. And a friend will not say "nev-er" 'cause the

55 56 57 58

wel - comewill not end.—— Though its hard to let you go, in the

59 60 61 62

Fath - er's hands we know that a life-time's not too long to live as

63 64 65 66

friends. Ah—— And—— friends are friends for - ev - er—— if the

67 68 69 70

Lord's the Lord of them.—— And a friend will not say "nev-er"—— 'cause the

Musical notation for measures 71-74. The system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. Measure 71: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3. Measure 72: Treble staff has a half note G4. Bass staff has a half note G2. Measure 73: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3. Measure 74: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3.

wel - come will not end. ——— Though it's hard to let you go, in the

Musical notation for measures 75-78. The system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. Measure 75: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3. Measure 76: Treble staff has a half note G4. Bass staff has a half note G2. Measure 77: Treble staff has a half note G4. Bass staff has a half note G2. Measure 78: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3.

Fath - er's hands we know ——— that a life - time's not too

Musical notation for measures 79-82. The system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. Measure 79: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3. Measure 80: Treble staff has a half note G4. Bass staff has a half note G2. Measure 81: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3. Measure 82: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3.

it's not too long ———
long ——— to live as friends. ———
not too long
it's not too long ———

Musical notation for measures 83-85. The system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. Measure 83: Treble staff has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5. Bass staff has a quarter note G2, quarter note A2, quarter note B2, quarter note C3. Measure 84: Treble staff has a half note G4. Bass staff has a half note G2. Measure 85: Treble staff has a half note G4. Bass staff has a half note G2.

to live as friends. ———
to live as friends. ———