

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me

for TTBB Chorus unaccompanied

Traditional
G. Walker, alt.

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The message of this memorial song is simple and honest. When my days are done ("when I come to the end of the road"), let my actions, my friendships, my struggles, and my caring speak for me. There is no need for embellishment or praise. The truth, a plain-yet-beautiful truth, will suffice.

The musical arrangement presents a similarly direct language. Harmonies, such as the final cadence, are open and transparent. The unadorned melody will speak for itself.

Moderate tempo ♩ = 100 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

p peacefully

Tenor 1
Ah, ah, ah.

Tenor 2
Ah, ah, ah.

Bass 1
Ah, ah, ah. Let the

Bass 2
Ah, ah, ah.

Moderate tempo ♩ = 100 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Piano
(for rehearsal only)

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mf

T1 I've lived speak for me.

mf

T2 I've lived speak for me.

B1 life I've lived speak for me. Let the

p

B2 Hmm speak for me.

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T1 I've lived speak for me.

T2 I've lived speak for me. When I

B1 life I've lived speak for me. When I

p

B2 Hmm speak for me.

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T1
8 and I lay down my heav - y load,

T2
8 come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heav - y load.

B1
come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heav - y load, let the

B2
p Hmm _____ *mf* and I lay down my heav - y load.

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T1
8 I've lived speak for me.

T2
8 I've lived speak for me.

B1
p life I've lived _____ *mf* speak for me. _____

B2
8 Hmm _____ speak for me.

21 *p peacefully* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

T1 Ah, ah, ah.

T2 Ah, ah, ah.

B1 Ah, ah, ah. Let the

B2 Ah, ah, ah.

p *mf*

25 *mf* *mf*

T1 Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.

T2 Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.

B1 friends I've made speak for me. Let the

B2 Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.

mf

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T1
8 Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.

T2
8 Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me, When I

B1
friends I've made _____ speak_ for me. _____ When I

B2
Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.

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T1
8 and I lay down my heav - y load,

T2
8 come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heav - y load,

B1
come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heav - y load, let the

B2
Hmm _____ and I lay down my heav - y load,

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T1
8 let the friends I've made, let them speak for me. Ah. _____

T2
8 let the friends I've made, let them speak for me. Ah. _____

B1
friends I've made _____ speak for me. _____

B2
let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.

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T1
8 Lay down your bur - den, and rest with the set - ting sun.

T2
8 Lay down your bur - den, and rest with the set - ting sun.

B1
Ah, sun. _____

B2
Ah, sun. _____

45 *p* *grad. cresc.* *mf*

T1
8 All the beau - ty of your life will shine when your day is done. Let the

T2
8 All the beau - ty of your life will shine when your day is done. Let the

B1
p *grad. cresc.* *mf*
All the beau - ty of your life will shine when your day is done. Let the

B2
p *grad. cresc.* *mf*
All the beau - ty of your life will shine when your day is done. Let the

p *grad. cresc.* *mf*

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T1
8 love I've shared _____ speak_ for_ me. Let the

T2
8 love I've shared _____ speak_ for_ me. Let the

B1
love I've shared _____ speak for me. _____ Let the

B2
love I've shared _____ speak for me. Let the

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T1
love I've shared _____ speak for me. Let the

T2
love I've shared _____ speak for me. Let the

B1
love I've shared _____ speak for me. _____

B2
love I've shared _____ speak for me. _____

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T1
love that I've tried to share, and all this

T2
love that I've tried to share, and all this

B1
p Hmm and the bur-dens I've strug-gled to bear, all this
mf

B2
p Hmm and the bur-dens I've strug-gled to bear, all this
mf

61 *f* *>* *rit.* **Slowly**

T1 *f* *>* life of joy and care speak for me.

T2 *f* *>* life of joy and care speak for me.

B1 *f* *>* life of joy and care speak for me. *p* Let the

B2 *f* *>* life of joy and care speak for me.

f *rit.* **Slowly** *p*

65 *p* *rit.* **Slowly**

T1 *p* I've lived speak for me.

T2 *p* I've lived speak for me.

B1 life I've lived speak for me.

B2 *Hum* speak for me.

rit. **Slowly**