

TEXT

Here at the last,
My love.
Soon to that vast
Unknown.
So close to the summit
But slowing.
Whispers urge your going.

Give up the fight,
My love.
The night can be friend
Not foe.
Some battles are won by leaving
Or letting go.

Roots will come greet us,
Weaving a blanket
Midst rock and loam.
And forests will feed us,
Serving a banquet
Of seed and cone.

Never alone.
And when it's my last
My love
I will hold fast
To love
And dreams of embrace,
A gathering place

Where roots will come greet us,
Weaving a blanket
Midst rock and loam.
And forests will feed us,
Serving a banquet
Of seed and cone.

Never alone, never.
Never, never, alone.
After the last,
My love.

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Dedicated to all those that have lost a loved one and to my father, Alasdair Macdonald

After the Last

for SSAA Chorus unaccompanied

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p

Soprano

Here at the last, my love. Soon to that

Alto

Here at the last, my love. Soon to that

poco rit. *a tempo*

6 *mp* *p* *mp*

vast un - known. So close to the sum - mit But

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12 *rit.* *pp* *pp*

slow - ing. Whis - pers urge your go - ing.

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18 *a tempo* *mp*

Give up the fight, my love. The night can be friend

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25 *poco rit.* *mf* *a tempo*

not foe. Some bat - tles are won by leav -

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31 *p* *mp*

ing or let - ting go. Oh, Roots will come

ing or let - ting go. Roots will come

37 *mf*

greet us, weav - ing a blan - ket midst rock and loam.

greet us, weav - ing a blan - ket midst rock and loam.

43 *mp* *mf*

And for - ests will feed us, serv - ing a

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48 *rit.* *mp*

ban - quet of seed and cone. Nev - er a - lone.

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54 *a tempo* *p*

And when it's my last, my love. I will hold fast

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62 *poco rit.* *mf* *a tempo* *molto rit.* *mp*

to love and dreams of embrace, a gath - er - ing place

to love dreams of embrace, a gath - er - ing place

69 *a tempo* *p* *mf*

where

where roots will come greet us, weav - ing a

roots will come greet us, weav - ing a

75

mp And *mf*

blan - ket midst rock_ and loam. And for - ests will feed

mp And *mf*

blan - ket midst rock and loam. And for - ests will feed

81

us, serv - ing a ban - quet of seed_ and cone.

us, serv - ing a ban - quet of seed and cone.

86

mp *mf* *molto rit.*

Nev - er a - lone, nev - er. Nev - er to be a -

mp *mf*

Nev - er, nev - er. Nev - er to be a -

92

f *p* *mp* *pp*

lone. Af - ter the last, my_ love.

f *p* *mp* *pp*

lone. Af - ter the last, my_ love