May the Road Rise Up to Meet You

Traditional Irish Blessing

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rains fall soft up on your
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G add9/B D/A
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G add9 A7sus4
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Descant

Soprano/Alto

Baritone

May the road rise up to meet you, wind

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be

al-ways at your back, sun up - on your face,

always at your back. May the sun shine warm up - on your face; the

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G  Em/G  D/F#  A/C#  D/C

fall soft up on your fields, we meet a -
rains fall soft up on your fields, and un - til we meet a -

G/B  Em/G  D/A

gain, God hold you in the palm of his

molto rit.

molto rit.

G/B  Em/G  D/A  Em/A  A7
Composer Notes

This musical setting of the traditional Celtic prayer text is intended to be an easily learned song for marriage and funeral liturgies, and it is appropriate for any occasion that necessitates a general blessing. The arrangement opens with a cantor or choir singing the melody once. That is followed by an optional, more elaborate reiteration for two-part choir and descant. The entire piece can be sung in unison, if desired.

A rather slow tempo works well, giving the piece a pleasing, solemn sense.

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_Guitar/Vocal_

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INTRO  _Slowly, solemnly (= ca. 64)_

1. D  Em/D  A/D  G/D  D/A  G/A  A7  D  
   D  Em/G  Bm  E/G#  
   G  Em/G  D/F#  A/C#  D/C  

2. G/B  Em/G  
   D  G/D  A/C#  D7/C  Gadd9/B  D/A  Gadd9  A7sus4  

   Final  _molto rit._  D/A  Em/A  A7  D  
   a tempo  

   God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Assembly Edition

MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm up on your face; the rains fall soft up on your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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