Carry Me Home

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Hymns of Light, Volume 2

INTRO  With some rubato (\( \frac{q}{4} = \text{ca. 63} \))

Piano

VERSE 1: Soprano/Alto (or soloist)

1. End of day softly falling into night. O Jesus, carry me home.

1. Now the work of the present day is done. O Jesus, carry me home.
VERSE 2
S/A

Joyful song, joyful laughter silent fall. O Jesus,

Tenor/Bass

Pure and bright shall the

2. carry me home.

2. memory linger on. O Jesus, carry me home.

F G F
REFRAIN

Carry me home,
carry me home.
O Jesus, carry me home.

G G7/B C C/E F C

Carry me home,
carry me home.

G G7/B C C7/E F

O Jesus, carry me home.

D7/F# C/G G F C G/A
VERSE 3

3. In God’s hands to forever safely rest. O Jesus, carry me home.

3. Now fulfilled in creation’s wondrous plan.

3. plan. O Jesus, carry me home.
As my last prayer ascends, round me family and gentle friends.

Carry me home.

A little slower than beginning

Carry me home.

O Jesus, carry me home.

O Jesus, carry me home.
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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\begin{align*}
C & \quad C/E & \quad F & \quad C & \quad F & \quad G & \quad F & \quad C & \quad C \, sus4
\end{align*}
\]

1. End of day softly falling into night. O Jesus, carry me home.

VERSE 1:

Soprano/Alto (or soloist)

\[
\begin{align*}
C & \quad C/E & \quad F & \quad C & \quad F & \quad G & \quad F & \quad C & \quad F/A
\end{align*}
\]

1. Now the work of the present day is done. O Jesus, carry me home.

VERSE 2:

All

\[
\begin{align*}
C & \quad C/E & \quad F & \quad C & \quad F & \quad C & \quad G
\end{align*}
\]

2. Joyful song, joyful laughter silent fall. O Jesus, carry me home.

REFRAIN

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\begin{align*}
G & \quad G7/B & \quad C & \quad C/E & \quad F & \quad C & \quad G & \quad G7/B
\end{align*}
\]

Carry me home, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.

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\begin{align*}
C & \quad C/E & \quad F & \quad D7/F# & \quad C/G & \quad G & \quad F & \quad C & \quad G/A
\end{align*}
\]

Carry me home, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.
VERSE 3

D D/F# G D G D A

3. In God’s hands to forever safely rest. O Jesus, carry me home.

D D7/F# G D G A G D

3. Now fulfilled in creation’s wondrous plan. O Jesus, carry me home.

REFRAIN

A A7/C# D D/F# G D A A7/C#

Carry me home, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.

D D7/F# G E7/G# D/A A G

Carry me home, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.

2

D G/D D G D/F# F#7/A# Bm G

Freely

As my last prayer ascends, ’round me family and gentle friends.

D D7/F# G E7/G#

A little slower than beginning

Carry me home, carry me home. O

D/A A Bm E7/G# D/A A G D

Jesus, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.
Composer Notes

Owen Alstott’s gentle text from the second volume of his *Hymns of Light* (OCP Editions #30106930, #30114459) was the inspiration for this musical setting. Its themes of faith, hope, and trust make it particularly suitable to the funeral liturgy, as an entrance processional song, at the Song of Farewell, or during the Procession to the Place of Committal. It is likewise appropriate during the Anointing of the Sick, and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (both for All Souls Day and for commemoration observances during the month of November).

Musically, let the song begin quietly, grow throughout the following refrains and verses, and then end gently again.

—Rick Modlin
Carry Me Home

VIOLIN or *FLUTE

INTRO
With some rubato (q ca. 63)

VERSE 1

VERSE 2

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

REFRAIN

A little slower than beginning
(Carry me home…)

Freely

molto rit.

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*Flute plays upper octave.
CARRY ME HOME

Verse 1
1. End of day softly falling into night.
2. Joyful song, joyful laughter silent fall.
3. In God's hands to forever safely rest.

Refrain
Carry me home, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.

Verse 2
1. Now the work of the present day is done.
2. Pure and bright shall the mem'ry linger on.
3. Now fulfilled in creation's wondrous plan.

Refrain
Carry me home, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.

Verse 3
1. Last time, to Verse 2
2. Repeat Refrain
As my last prayer ascends, 'round me family and gentle friends.

Refrain
Carry me home, carry me home. O Jesus, carry me home.

Refrain
O Jesus, carry me home.

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