

TENNESSEE WALTZ

Redd Stewart and Pee Wee King

Redd Stewart and Pee Wee King of the Golden West Cowboys wrote “Tennessee Waltz” during the winter of 1946, in the back of a truck while traveling to a show in Nashville, TN. The song tells the story of a sweetheart who loses their beloved to a friend at a dance. “Tennessee Waltz” rose to fame as a country hit for Patti Page in 1950 but was soon a crossover success for numerous other artists, including Sam Cooke, The Chieftains, and Otis Redding. In addition to its national and international commercial success, “Tennessee Waltz” is played by many college marching bands, from North Carolina’s Appalachian State University to Texas’s Baylor University. The State of Tennessee adopted “Tennessee Waltz” as a state song in 1965.

I was waltzing with my darlin’ to the Tennessee Waltz
When an old friend I happened to see.
I introduced her to my loved one and while they were waltzing,
My friend stole my sweetheart from me.

I remember the night and the Tennessee Waltz,
Now I know just how much I have lost
Yes, I lost my little darlin’ the night they were playin’
The beautiful Tennessee Waltz.

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ROCKY TOP

Felice and Boudleaux Bryant

Songwriting husband and wife duo Felice and Boudleaux Bryant wrote “Rocky Top” in 1967. The song is about a city-dweller reflecting longingly on a simple life he/she had in the mountains of East Tennessee. “Rocky Top” was first recorded by the bluegrass duo The Osborne Brothers. It has since been recorded by numerous artists from various genres, including Lynn Anderson, Buck Owens, Dolly Parton, John Denver, and Phish. In 1972, “Rocky Top” became the unofficial fight song for the University of Tennessee. The University’s Pride of the Southland Marching Band is known to play the song around 30 times during a football game. Because of its commercial success and fan association, “Rocky Top” was named a state song by the Tennessee state legislature in 1982.

Wish that I was on ol’ Rocky Top,
down in the Tennessee hills;
Ain’t no smoggy smoke on Rocky Top,
Ain’t no telephone bills;
Once I had a girl on Rocky Top;
Half bea the other half cat;
Wild as a mink, but sweet as soda pop
I still dream about that;

Rocky Top, you’ll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol’ Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennesse;
Rocky Top, Tennessee

Once two strangers climbed ol’ Rocky Top,
Lookin’ for a moonshine still;
Strangers ain’t come down from Rocky Top;
Reckon they never will;
Corn won’t grow at all on Rocky Top;
Dirt’s too rocky by far;
That’s why all the folks on Rocky Top
Get their corn from a jar;

Rocky Top, you’ll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol’ Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennessee;
Rocky Top, Tennessee

I’ve had years of cramped-up city life
Trapped like a duck in a pen;
All I know is it’s a pity life
Can’t be simple again

Rocky Top, you’ll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol’ Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennessee;
Rocky Top, Tennessee
Rocky Top, Tennessee

WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

Ada Habershon and Charles Gabriel

“Will the Circle be Unbroken” is a hymn originally written by Ada Habershon and Charles Gabriel in 1907. The song was re-worked by A.P. Carter and recorded by the early country music recording artists The Carter Family in 1935. Initially written for funerals, the song has been covered by numerous recording artists and is closely associated with the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum®. Each year, the song is sung at the conclusion of the Medallion Ceremony that officially inducts new members. The chorus to “Will the Circle be Unbroken” is enshrined in the Museum’s Hall of Fame Rotunda, where the words adorn the top of the room and serve as a reminder of the continuous nature of country music to all visitors to the Hall of Fame.

There are loved ones in the glory,
Whose dear forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story,
Will you join them in their bliss?

Will the circle be unbroken,
Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye?
Is a better home awaiting,
In the sky Lord, in the sky?

You remember songs of heaven,
Which you sang with childish voice.
Do you love the hymns they taught you?
Or are songs of earth your choice?

Will the circle be unbroken,
Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye?
Is a better home awaiting,
In the sky Lord, in the sky?

You can picture happy gath’rings,
’Round the fireside long ago.
And you think of tearful partings,
When they left you here below.

One by one their seats were emptied.
One by one they went away.
Now the family is parted.
Will it be complete one day?

Will the circle be unbroken,
Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye?
Is a better home awaiting,
In the sky Lord, in the sky.
In the sky Lord, in the sky.

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I was standing by my window,
On one cold and cloudy day
When I saw that hearse come rolling,
For to carry my mother away.

Will the circle be unbroken,
Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye?
There’s a better home awaiting,
In the sky Lord in the sky?

I said to that undertaker,
Undertaker please drive slow.
For this lady you are carrying,
Lord I hate to see here go.

Will the circle be unbroken
Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye?
There’s a better home awaiting,
In the sky, Lord in the sky?

Oh I followed close behind her.
Tried to hold up and be brave.
But I could not hide my sorrow,
When they laid her in the grave.

I went back home. My home was lonesome.
Missed my mother she was gone.
All of my brothers, sisters crying.
What a home so sad and lone.

We sang the songs of childhood.
Hymns of faith that made us strong.
Ones that Mother Maybelle taught us.
Hear the angels sing along.

Will the circle be unbroken,
Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye?
There’s a better home awaiting,
In the sky Lord in the sky.
In the sky Lord in the sky.

Tennessee Waltz

SATB

Words and Music by
Pee Wee King and
Redd Stewart
1946

Country Waltz ♩ = ♩^3

Chord progression: C G F *rit.* C

Soprano
mp Oo

Alto
mp Oo

Tenor
mp Oo

Bass
mp Oo

Piano
mp Oo

5

S
hmm

A
hmm
a tempo
mf I was waltz - ing with my dar - lin to the

T
hmm

B
hmm

Pno.
hmm
a tempo

Tennessee Waltz

2

9 C7 F C

S Ten - nes - see waltz,

A Ten - nes - see waltz when an old friend I hap - pened to

T Ten - nes - see waltz,

B Ten - nes - see waltz,

Pno. 9

Ten - nes - see waltz,

13 G C

S

A see. I in - tro - duced her to my loved one and

T

B

Pno. 13

see. I in - tro - duced her to my loved one and

Tennessee Waltz

3

17 C7 F C G

S while they were waltz - ing,

A while they were waltz - ing, my friend stole my sweet-heart from

T while they were waltz - ing,

B while they were waltz - ing,

Pno. while they were waltz - ing,

21 C E7

S I re - mem - ber the night and the

A me I re - mem - ber the night and the

T I re - mem - ber the night and the

B I re - mem - ber the night and the

Pno. I re - mem - ber the night and the

Tennessee Waltz

4

25 F C

S Ten - nes - see waltz, Oo

A Ten - nes - see waltz, Oo

T 8 Ten - nes - see waltz, Now I know just how much I have

B Ten - nes - see waltz, Oo

Pno.

29 G G7 C

S the

A Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

T 8 lost the

B Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

Pno.

Tennessee Waltz

5

33 C7 F C/G G

S
night they were play - in Oo

A
night they were play - in the beau - ti - ful Ten - nes - see

T
8 night they were play - in Oo

B
night they were play - in Oo

Pno.

37 C

S
waltz.

A
waltz.

T
8

B
I was waltz - ing with my dar - lin to the

Pno.

Tennessee Waltz

6

41 C7 F C

S Ten - nes - see waltz, old friend I

A Ten - nes - see waltz, old friend I

T Ten - nes - see waltz, old friend I

B Ten - nes - see waltz — when an old friend I hap - pened to

Pno.

45 G C

S see. Oo — and

A see. I in - tro - duced her to my loved one and

T see. Oo — to my loved one and

B see. and

Pno.

Tennessee Waltz

7

49 C7 F C G7

S while they were waltz - ing, my sweet - heart from

A while they were waltz - ing, my friend stole my sweet - heart from

T while they were waltz - ing, my friend stole my sweet - heart from

B while they were waltz - ing, my friend stole my sweet - heart from

Pno.

53 C E7

S me. I re - mem - ber the night and the

A me. I re - mem - ber the night and the

T me. I re - mem - ber the night and the

B me. I re - mem - ber the night and the

Pno.

Tennessee Waltz

8

57 F C

S Ten - nes - see waltz, Oo

A Ten - nes - see waltz, Oo

T 8 Ten - nes - see waltz, Now I know just how much I have

B Ten - nes - see waltz, Oo

Pno. 57

61 G C

S the

A Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

T 8 lost the

B Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

Pno. 61

Tennessee Waltz

9

65 C7 F C/G G

S
night they were play - in Oo

A
night they were play - in the beau - ti - ful Ten - nes - see

T
8
night they were play - in Oo

B
night they were play - in Oo

Pno.
65

69 F C *rit.*

S
Oo

A
waltz Oo

T
8
Oo

B
Oo

Pno.
69 *rit.*

Tennessee Waltz

SSA

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Redd Stewart
1946

Country Waltz ♩ = ♩^3

First system of musical notation for the instrumental introduction. It features four staves: Soprano I (S I), Soprano II (S II), Alto (A), and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The melody is written for S I, S II, and A, with a piano accompaniment. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes, with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking before the final measure. The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords, with a *rit.* marking before the final measure.

Second system of musical notation, starting at measure 5. It features four staves: Soprano I (S I), Soprano II (S II), Alto (A), and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked *a tempo*. The melody is written for S II and A, with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I was waltz-ing with my dar-lin to the". The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords, with a *a tempo* marking before the final measure.

9

G7 C G

S I

Ten - nes - see waltz,

S II

Ten - nes - see waltz when an old friend I hap-pened to

A

Ten - nes - see waltz,

Pno.

13

D D7 G

S I

and

S II

see In-tro-duced her to my loved one and

A

and

Pno.

17 G7 C G D

S I

S II

A

Pno.

while they were waltz-ing,

while they were waltz-ing, my friend stole my sweet-heart from

while they were waltz-ing,

21 G B7

S I

S II

A

Pno.

mf I re - mem - ber the night and the

me. *mf* I re - mem - ber the night and the

mf I re - mem - ber the night and the

25 C G

S I

Ten-nes - see waltz, Oo

S II

Ten-nes see waltz, Now I know just how much I have

A

Ten-nes - see waltz, Oo

Pno.

29 D D7 G

S I

the

S II

lost Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

A

lost Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

Pno.

33 G7 C G/D D

S I

S II

A

Pno.

night they were play-in Oo

night they were play-in the beau - ti - ful Ten - nes - see

night they were play-in Oo

37 G

S I

S II

A

Pno.

waltz. I was waltz-ing with my dar-lin to the

to the

41 G7 C G

S I

Ten - nes - see waltz, old friend I

S II

Ten - nes - see — waltz — when an old friend I hap-pened to

A

Ten - nes - see waltz, old friend I

Pno.

45 D D7 G

S I

see. to my loved one — and

S II

see — In-tro-duced her to my loved one — and

A

see. Oo — and

Pno.

49 G7 C G D

S I

S II while they were waltz-ing,

A while they were waltz-ing, my friend stole my sweet-heart from

Pno. while they were waltz-ing,

53 G B7

S I

S II I re - mem - ber the night and the

A me. I re - mem - ber the night and the

Pno. I re - mem - ber the night and the

57 C G

S I

Ten-nes - see waltz, Oo

S II

Ten-nes - see waltz, now I know just how much I have

A

Ten-nes - see waltz, Oo

Pno.

61 D D7 G

S I

the

S II

lost Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

A

lost Yes I lost my lit - tle dar - lin the

Pno.

65 G7 C G D

S I

S II

A

Pno.

night they were play-in Oo

night they were play-in the beau - ti - ful Ten - nes - see

night they were play-in Oo

69 C G

S I

S II

A

Pno.

waltz

rit.

Rocky Top

SA

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1967

Piano



The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked *mf*. The right hand features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a bass line with quarter and eighth notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

S

C F C Am G7



The soprano vocal line consists of a single whole note rest in the first measure, with a bar line following.

A



The alto vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes.

Wish that I was on ol' Rock-y Top, down in the Ten - nes - see

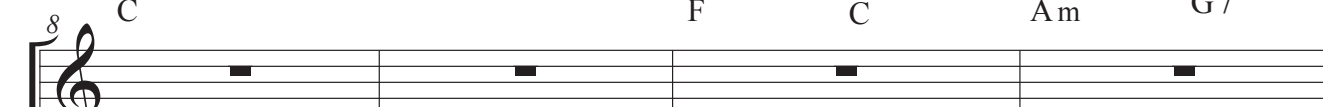
Pno.



The piano accompaniment continues with the same melody and bass line as the introduction.

S

C F C Am G7



The soprano vocal line consists of a single whole note rest in the second measure, with a bar line following.

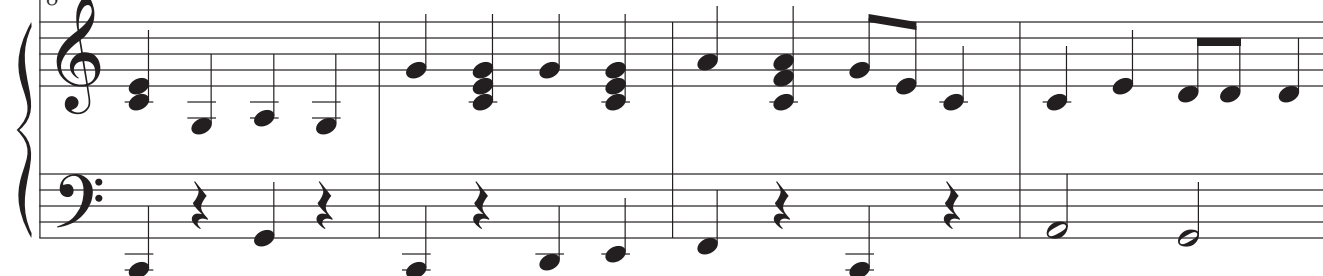
A



The alto vocal line continues with a quarter note G4, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes.

hills; Ain't no smog - gy smoke on Rock-y Top; ain't no tel - e - phone

Pno.



The piano accompaniment continues with the same melody and bass line as the introduction.

12 C F C Am G7

S

A

Pno.

bills; Once I had a boy on Rock-y Top; half bear, the oth-er half

16 C F C Am G7

S

A

Pno.

cat; Wild as a mink, but sweet as sod-a pop, I still dream a-bout

20 C Am G Bb

S that; Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to

A that; Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 20 through 23. The Soprano and Alto parts have identical lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. Measure 20 has a whole note C chord. Measure 21 has a half note Am chord. Measure 22 has a half note G chord. Measure 23 has a half note Bb chord.

24 F C Bb

S me; Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes -

A me; Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes -

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 24 through 27. The Soprano and Alto parts have identical lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line. Measure 24 has a whole note F chord. Measure 25 has a half note C chord. Measure 26 has a half note Bb chord. Measure 27 has a half note Bb chord.

28 C B $\flat$ C

S
see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see Once two strang - ers

A
see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

Pno.

32 F C A m G7 C

S
climbed ol' Rock - y Top, look - in' for a moon - shine still;

A

Pno.

35 C F C Am G7 C

S
Strang-ers ain't come down from Rock-y Top; reck-on they ne-ver will;

A

Pno.

39 F C Am G7 C

S
Corn won't grow at all on Rock-y Top; dirt's too rock-y by far;

A
Oo _____ dirt's too rock-y by far;

Pno.

43

S

F C Am G7 C

that's why all the folks on Rock-y Top get their corn from a jar;

A

Oo

Pno.

43

47

S

Am G Bb F

Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to me;

A

Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to me;

Pno.

47

51

S

C B $\flat$ C

Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

A

Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

Pno.

55

S

B $\flat$ C F C

Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see I've had years of cramped-up cit-y life

A

Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see I've had years of cramped-up cit-y life

Pno.

59 Am G7 C F C

S
trapped like a duck in a pen; All I know is it's a pit-y life

A
trapped like a duck in a pen; All I know is it's a pit-y life

Pno.

63 Am G7 C Am G

S
can't be sim-ple a - gain Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be

A
can't be sim-ple a - gain Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be

Pno.

67 B $\flat$ F C

S
home sweet home — to me; Good ol' Rock-y Top;

A
home sweet home — to me; Good ol' Rock-y Top;

Pno.

71 B $\flat$ C B $\flat$ C

S
Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

A
Rock-y Top, Ten - es - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

Pno.

75 C B $\flat$ F

S

Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

A

Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

Pno.

Measure 75: Soprano and Alto sing quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5. Piano right hand plays chords G4-B4, A4-B4, C5. Piano left hand plays quarter notes G2, A2, B2, C3.

Measure 76: Soprano and Alto sing half notes D5, E5. Piano right hand plays chords D5, E5. Piano left hand plays quarter notes D2, E2, F2, G2.

Measure 77: Soprano and Alto sing half notes F5, G5. Piano right hand plays chords F5, G5. Piano left hand plays quarter notes F2, G2, A2, B2.

Measure 78: Soprano and Alto sing half notes A5, B5. Piano right hand plays chords A5, B5. Piano left hand plays quarter notes A2, B2, C3, D3.

79 C

S

—

A

—

Pno.

Measure 79: Soprano and Alto have a whole note rest. Piano right hand plays a whole note chord C5. Piano left hand plays a whole note chord G2.

Rocky Top

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5 C F C Am G7 C

S Wish that I was on ol' Rocky Top, down in the Tennessee hills;

Pno.

9

S

Ain't no smog - gy smoke on Rock - y Top; ain't no tel - e - phone bills;

F C Am G7 C

9

Pno.

13 F C Am G7 C

S *Oo*

A Once I had a boy on Rock-y Top; half bear the oth - er half cat;

T *Oo*

B *Oo*

Pno.

17 F C Am G7 C

S *Oo*

A Wild as a mink, but sweet as sod - a pop I still dream a - bout that;

T *Oo*

B *Oo*

Pno.

21

S *Am* *G* *Bb* *F*
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to me;

A
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

T
8 Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

B
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

Pno.
21

25

S *C* *Bb* *C*
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

A
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

T
8 Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

B
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;

Pno.
25

29

B $\flat$ C F C

S Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

A Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

T 8 Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

B Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see Once two strang - ers climbed ol' Rock - y Top,

Pno.

This system contains measures 29 through 32. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) sing the lyrics 'Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see' in measures 29-30, followed by 'Once two strang - ers climbed ol' Rock - y Top,' in measures 31-32. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols B $\flat$, C, F, and C are placed above the vocal staves.

33

A m G7 C F C

S

A

T 8

B look - in' for a moon - shine still; Strang - ers ain't come down from Rock - y Top;

Pno.

This system contains measures 33 through 36. The vocal parts have rests in measures 33-34 and sing 'look - in' for a moon - shine still;' in measure 35 and 'Strang - ers ain't come down from Rock - y Top;' in measure 36. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. Chord symbols A m , G7, C, F, and C are placed above the vocal staves.

37 Am G7 C F C

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

Corn won't grow at all on Rock-y Top;

reck-on they nev - er will;

41 Am G7 C F C

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

dirt's too rock - y by far;

That's why all the folks on Rock - y Top

That's why all the folks on Rock - y Top

45 Am G7 C Am G

S Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be

A Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be

T 8 get their corn from a jar; Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be

B get their corn from a jar; Rock - y Top, Rock - y Top, al - ways be my

Pno. 45

49 Bb F C

S home sweet home — to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;

A home sweet home to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;

T 8 home sweet home to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;

B home sweet my home sweet home on Rock - y Top; Ten - nes -

Pno. 49

53

B $\flat$ C B $\flat$ C

S Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

A Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

T 8 Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see

B see _____ Ten - nes - see _____

Pno.

57

F C A m G7 C

S I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

A I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

T 8 I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

B I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;

Pno.

61

S F C Am G7 C

All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

A All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

T 8 All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

B All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain

Pno. 61

65

S Am G Bb F

Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home — to me;

A Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

T 8 Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;

B Rock - y Top, Rock - y Top, al - ways be my home sweet my home sweet

Pno. 65

69

S C B $\flat$ C

Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;

A Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;

T 8 Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;

B home on Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Ten - nes -

Pno.

73

S B $\flat$ C C C

Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

A Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

T 8 Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

B see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see

Pno.

77

S $B\flat$ F C

A

T 8

B

Pno.

This musical score page contains measures 77 through 80. It features five staves: four for vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and one for piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are written in treble and bass clefs, with a key signature of one flat. Soprano, Alto, and Bass parts have long horizontal lines above them, indicating sustained notes. The Tenor part has an '8' below the staff. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measure 77 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The piano part begins with a chord of B-flat and F in the right hand, and a single note in the left hand. The vocal parts enter with sustained notes: Soprano on B-flat, Alto on F, Tenor on B-flat, and Bass on F. The piano part continues with a descending line in the left hand. Measure 78 shows the vocal parts moving to F and the piano part continuing its line. Measure 79 shows the vocal parts moving to C and the piano part continuing its line. Measure 80 is the final measure on the page, showing the vocal parts holding their notes and the piano part concluding with a final chord and a double bar line.

WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

SATB

Slowly & Freely

Traditional Hymn (1907)
Lyrics by A.P. Carter
Music by Charles H. Gabriel
Arr. by Shenelle Salcido

*Solo Alto*¹

mf I was stand - ing by my win - dow, On one cold _____ and clou - dy day. _____ When I

5 saw that hearse come rol - ling, For to car - ry my mo - ther a - way. Will the

9 (Soloist) cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ There's a

S:

p Oo. _____

A:

p Oo. _____

T:

p Oo. _____

B:

p Oo. _____

(Piano for rehearsal only)

13 14 15 **rit.**

bet - ter home a - wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the _____,

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

rit.

With Movement

16 17

mf sky?

mf Sky. Oo. Un - der -

mf Sky. *melody* I said to that un - der -

mf Sky Lord in the sky Lord. I said to that un - der -

mf Sky Lord in the sky Lord. I said to that un - der - tak - er, Please drive

mf *melody*

18 19

tak - er Oo. Please drive

tak - er, Un - der - tak - er please drive

tak - er, Un - der tak - er please drive

slow - ly un - der - tak - er. Won't you please drive ve - ry slow - ly? Un - der -



20 21

slow. Oo. You are

slow. For this la - dy you are

slow. For this la - dy you are

tak - er please drive slow. For this la - dy yes this la - dy you are

22 23

car - rying Lord I hate to see her.

car - rying, Lord I hate to see her.

car - rying, Lord I hate to see her.

car - rying. Lord I hate, Yes I hate to see her

The musical score for measures 22 and 23 features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in treble and bass clefs, with lyrics written below. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff. Measure 22 shows the vocalists singing 'car - rying' and 'Lord I hate to see her.' Measure 23 continues the melody with 'car - rying, Lord I hate to see her.' and 'car - rying, Lord I hate to see her.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.



24 25 26

go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

The musical score for measures 24, 25, and 26 features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in treble and bass clefs, with lyrics written below. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff. Measure 24 shows the vocalists singing 'go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and'. Measure 25 continues the melody with 'go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and'. Measure 26 continues the melody with 'go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

27 28 29

bye, Lord bye and bye? There's a bet - ter home a -



30 31 32

wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the sky? Oh I

33 *melody* 34 35

f fol - lowed close be - hind her. Tried to hold _____ up and be

f fol - lowed close be - hind her. Tried to hold _____ up and be

f fol - lowed close be - hind her. Tried to hold _____ up and be

f fol - lowed close be - hind her. Tried to hold _____ up and be



36 **Meno mosso** 37 38

brave.____ But I could not hide my sor - row, When they

brave.____ But I could not hide my sor - row, When they

brave. But I could not hide my sor - row, When they

brave. But I could not hide my sor - row, When they

Meno mosso

39 40 41 42 *mf*

I went

laid her in the grave.

laid her, When they laid her, When they laid her in the grave.

laid her, When they laid her, When they laid her in the grave.

laid her When they laid her, When they laid her in the grave.

mf



43 **Slowly** 44 45 46

back home. My home was lone - some. Missed my moth - er she was gone. All of my

47 (Soloist) 48

bro - thers, sis - ters cry - ing. What a

S: *div.*

A:

T:

B:

p Oo.

49 50 51

home so sad and lone.

Unison

Oo.

We sang the songs of

52 53 54

child - hood. Hymns of faith that made us strong. Ones that

child - hood. Hymns of faith that made us strong. Ones that

child - hood. Hymns of faith that made us strong. Ones that

child - hood. Hymns of faith that made us strong. Ones that



55 56 57

Mo - ther May - belle taught us. Hear the an - gels sing a -

Mo - ther May - belle taught us. Hear the an - gels sing a -

Mo - ther May - belle taught us. Hear the an - gels sing a -

Mo - ther May - belle taught us. Hear the an - gels sing a -

58 *mp* long. Will the cir - cle be un -

59 *mp* Will the cir - cle be un -

mp long. Will the cir - cle be un -

mp long. Will the cir - cle be un -

mp Will the cir - cle be un -

A little faster



60 **S:** bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ There's a

61 **A:** bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ There's a

62 **T:** bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ There's a

B: bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ There's a

63 64 65 **Poco accelerando** *div.* 11

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, Sky Lord. _____

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, Sky Lord. _____

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, In the sky Lord. _____

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, In the sky Lord. _____

Poco accelerando

66 67 68 **Unison**

In the sky Lord. _____ Sky Lord sky. In the

Sky Lord. In the sky. In the

In the sky, the sky. In the

The sky Lord, the sky. In the

69 *Solo (Tenor or Bass)* 70 71 **molto rit.** 72

S:
sky Lord. In the sky.

A:
sky Lord In the sky.

T:
sky Lord In the sky.

B:
sky Lord In the sky.

molto rit.

WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

Two-part

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Music by Charles H. Gabriel

Arr. by Shenelle Salcido

Slowly & Freely

Solo Alto ¹ ² ³ ⁴

mf I was stand - ing by my win - dow, On one cold _____ and clou - dy day. _____ When I

⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸

saw that hearse come rol - ling, For to car - ry my mo - ther a - way. Will the

⁹ (*Soloist*) ¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹²

cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ There's a

Part I:

p Oo. _____

Part II:

p Oo. _____

¹³ ¹⁴ ¹⁵ **rit.**

bet - ter home a - wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

16 17

sky?

mf

Sky Lord in the sky Lord. I said to that un - der - tak - er, Please drive

mf melody

Sky. I said to that un - der -

18 19

slow - ly un - der - tak - er. Won't you please drive ve - ry slow - ly? Un - der -

tak - er, Un - der - tak - er please drive

20 21

tak - er please drive slow. For this la - dy yes this la - dy you are

slow. For this la - dy you are

22 23

car - rying, Lord I hate to see her

car - rying, Lord I hate to see her

24 25 26

go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

go. Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

27 28 29

bye, Lord bye and bye? There's a bet - ter home a -

30 31 32

wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the sky? Oh I

33 *melody* 34 35

f fol - lowed close be - hind her. Tried to hold up and be

36 37 **Meno mosso** 38

brave. But I could not hide my sor - row, When they

39 40 41 42 *Solo Soprano* *mf*

laid her in the grave. When they laid her in the grave. I went

laid her, When they laid her, When they laid her in the grave.

43 **Slowly** 44 45 46

back home. My home was lone - some. Missed my moth - er she was gone. All of my

47 (Soloist) 48 49

bro - thers, sis - ters cry - ing. What a home so sad and

Part I: *div.*

p Oo. Oo.

Part II:

p Oo. Oo.

50 51 52

lone.

Unison

We sang the songs of child - hood. Hymns of

We sang the songs of child - hood. Hymns of

53 54 55 56

faith that made us strong. Ones that Mo - ther May - belle taught us. Hear the

faith that made us strong. Ones that Mo - ther May - belle taught us. Hear the

57 58 *mp* 59 **A little faster**

an - gels sing a - long. Will the cir - cle be un -

an - gels sing a - long. Will the cir - cle be un -

60 61 62 63

bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye?____ There's a bet - ter home a -

bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye?____ There's a bet - ter home a -

Poco accelerando

64 In the sky Lord.. Sky Lord. In the sky Lord.

wait - ing, Sky Lord. Sky. In the sky Sky Lord

wait - ing, Sky Lord. _____ In the sky, The

Solo Soprano

68 69 70 71 **molto rit.** 72

Unison In the sky. _____

Unison In the sky. _____

Unison In the sky. _____

Unison In the sky. _____

Unison In the sky. _____

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Arr. by Shenelle Salcido

*Solo Alto*¹

mf There are loved ones in the glo - ry, Whose dear forms_____ you of - ten miss.____ When you

close your earth - ly sto - ry, Will you join them in their____ bliss? Will the

9 (Soloist) 10 11 12

cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and bye,_____ Lord bye and bye?____ Is a

S:

p Oo._____

A:

p Oo._____

T:

p Oo._____

B:

p Oo._____

(Piano for rehearsal only)

13 14 15 **rit.**

bet - ter home a - wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the _____,

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

Oo. _____ Oo. _____

rit.

With Movement

16 17

mf sky?

mf Sky. Oo. Songs of

mf Sky. *melody* You re - mem - ber songs of

mf Sky Lord in the sky Lord. You re - mem - ber songs of

mf Sky Lord in the sky Lord. You re - mem - ber. You re - mem - ber. Songs of

mf *melody*

18 19

heav - en, Sang, Child - ish

heav - en, Which you sang with child - ish

heav - en, Which you sang with child - ish

heav - en. You re - mem - ber. Which you sang, Oh yes you sang with child - ish



20 21

voice. Love, Hymns they

voice. Do you love the hymns they

voice. Do you love the hymns they

voice. With child - ish voice. Do you love, Oh do you love the hymns they

22 23

taught you? Or are songs of earth your_____

taught you? Or are songs of earth your_____

taught you? Or are songs of earth your_____

taught you?_____ Or are songs, oh yes those songs of earth your

The musical score for measures 22 and 23 features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. Measures 22 and 23 are marked above the first vocal staff. The lyrics are: "taught you? Or are songs of earth your_____". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.



24 25 26

choice?_____ Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

choice? Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

choice?_____ Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

choice? Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

The musical score for measures 24, 25, and 26 features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. Measures 24, 25, and 26 are marked above the first vocal staff. The lyrics are: "choice?_____ Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

27 28 29

bye, Lord bye and bye? Is a bet - ter home a -

bye, Lord bye and bye? Is a bet - ter home a -

bye, Lord bye and bye? Is a bet - ter home a -

bye, Lord bye and bye? Is a bet - ter home a -



30 31 32

wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the sky? You can

wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the sky? You can

wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the sky? You can

wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the sky? You can

33 *melody* 34 35

f pic - ture hap - py gath - 'rings, Round the fire - - side long a -

f pic - ture hap - py gath - 'rings, Round the fire - - side long a -

f pic - ture hap - py gath - 'rings, Round the fire - - side long a -

f pic - ture hap - py gath - 'rings, Round the fire - - side long a -

f



36 **Meno mosso** 37 38

go. And you think of tear - ful part - ings, When they

go. And you think of tear - ful part - ings, When they

go. And you think of tear - ful part - ings, When they

go. And you think of tear - ful part - ings, When they

Meno mosso

39 40 41 42 *mf*

One by

left you here be - low.

left you, When they left you, When they left you here be - low.

left you, When they left you, When they left you here be - low.

left you, When they left you, When they left you here be - low.

mf



43 **Slowly** 44 45 46

one their seats were emp - tied. One by one _____ they went a - way. _____ Now the

47 (Soloist) 48

fam - 'ly is part - ed. Will it

S: *div.*

A:

T:

B:

p Oo.

49 50 51 **A little faster**

be comp - lete one day?

mp Will the cir - cle be un -

mp Will the cir - cle be un -

mp Will the cir - cle be un -

mp Will the cir - cle be un -

A little faster

52 **S:** 53 54

bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ Is a

A:

bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ Is a

T:

bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ Is a

B:

bro - ken, Bye and bye, _____ Lord bye and bye? _____ Is a



55 56 57 **Poco accelerando** *div.* Sky Lord. _____

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, Sky Lord. _____

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, In the sky Lord. _____

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, In the sky Lord. _____

Poco accelerando

58 In the 59 sky Lord. 60 Unison

Sky Lord. In the sky. In the

In the sky, the sky. In the

The sky Lord, the sky. In the

61 Solo (Tenor or Bass) 62 63 molto rit. 64

S:
sky Lord. In the sky.

A:
sky Lord In the sky.

T:
sky Lord In the sky.

B:
sky Lord In the sky.

molto rit.

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close your earth - ly sto - ry, Will you join them in their_____ bliss? Will the

(Soloist)

cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and bye,_____ Lord bye and bye?_____ Is a

Part I:

p Oo._____

Part II:

p Oo._____

bet - ter home a - wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the_____ *rit.*

Oo._____ Oo._____

Oo._____ Oo._____

16 17

sky?

mf

Sky Lord in the sky Lord. You re - mem - ber. You re - mem - ber. Songs of

mf

melody

Sky. You re - mem - ber songs of

18 19

heav - en. You re - mem - ber. Which you sang, Oh yes you sang with child - ish

heav - en, Which you sang with child - ish

20 21

voice. With child - ish voice. Do you love, Oh do you love the hymns they

voice. Do you love the hymns they

22 23

taught you? Or are songs of earth your

taught you? Or are songs of earth your

24 25 26

choice? Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

choice? Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken, Bye and

27 28 29

bye, Lord bye and bye? Is a bet - ter home a -

30 31 32

wai - ting, In the sky Lord in the sky? You can

33 melody 34 35

f pic - ture hap - py gath - 'rings, Round the fire - - side long a -

36 37 **Meno mosso** 38

go. And you think of tear - ful part - ings, When they

39 40 41 42 *Solo Soprano* *mf*

left you here be - low. When they left you here be - low.
left you, When they left you, When they left you here be - low.

43 **Slowly** 44 45 46

one their seats were emp - tied. One by one they went a - way. Now the

47 (Soloist) 48

fam - ly is part - ed. Will it

Part I:
p Oo. *div.*

Part II:
p Oo.

49 50 51 **A little faster**

be comp - lete one day? Will the cir - cle be un -

mp

mp

52 53 54

bro - ken, Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye? Is a

bro - ken, Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye? Is a

55

56

57 **Poco accelerando**

bet - ter home a - wait - ing, In the sky Lord.. Sky Lord.

58

59

60

Unison

Sky Lord. In the sky Lord. Sky Lord. In the sky. In the sky, The sky. In the.

61

Solo Soprano 62**molto rit.**

64

Part I:

Part II:

In the sky. sky Lord. In the sky. sky Lord. In the sky.