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AN OLD IRISH BLESSING

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Andantino amabile TENORE *mp teneramente*

May the

5 **SOPRANO** *pp dolce*

ALTO *mp teneramente*

TENORE *p*

BASSO *pp dolce*

Light with - out

May the bles - sing of

bles - sing of light be on you, the bles - sing

sempre legato

ped. 16'

and light within. *p* *dim.*
 light be on you, the bles - sing be *mp* *dim.*
 be on you, may the bles - sing of light be

and light within.

pp
 on you. *pp*
 on you. *mf*
 man.

19 **TENORE** *mf*

May the bles - sed sun - light be up - on you and

BASSO *mf*

May the bles - sed sun - light be up - on you and

22 *cresc.* *f con ardore*

warm your heart _____ till it glows like a great

cresc. *f con ardore*

warm your heart _____ till it glows like a great

f (reeds 16' & 8')

25 *caloroso*

peat fire, so that the stran - ger may

caloroso

peat fire, so that the stran - ger may

come and warm _____ him - self at it;

come and warm _____ him - self at it,

31 SOPRANO SOLO *mp invitante*

And al - so a friend. _____

pp *espress.*

35 SOPRANO *pp dolce*

ALTO *mp teneramente*

TENORE *pp dolce*

BASSO *mp teneramente*

Like a can - dle _____ set in the

And may the light shine out _____ of the

Like a can - dle _____

And may the light shine out _____

p *mp legato*

ped.

mp teneramente

win - dows of a house; and may the
 eyes of you,
 set in the win - dows of a house,
 of the eyes of you, bid - ding the

pp dolce

light shine out of the eyes of you,
 bid - ding the wan - der - er to come in out of the
 and may the light shine out of the
 wan - der - er to come in out of the storm,

pp dolce

mp teneramente

p espress.

and may the light shine out

storm, like a candle set in the

p espress.

eyes of you, and may the light shine out of the

bid - ding the wan - der - er to come in

dim. *pp*

of the eyes of you.

sost.

win - dows of a house.

dim. *pp sost.*

eyes of you.

sost.

out of the storm.

51

SOPRANO *mp delicato*

And may the bles - sing of the rain

ALTO *mp delicato*

And may the bles - sing of the rain

p (8' & 2')

p semplice

mp (8' & 4')

man.

54

— be on you, the soft sweet

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57

f ma dolce

mf un poco animato

rain. May it fall up - on your

f ma dolce

mf un poco animato

rain. May it fall up - on your

60

spi - rit so that all the lit - tle flowers may spring up,

spi - rit so that all the lit - tle flowers may spring up,

63

mp *più dolce* *p* *espress.*

and shed their sweet - ness in the

and shed their sweet - ness in the

mp *più dolce* *p* *espress.*

66

air.

air.

69

SOPRANO *mf*

And may the bles - sing of the great rains be up - on you,

ALTO *mf*

And may the bles - sing of the great rains be up - on you,

TENORE *mf*

And may the bles - sing of the great rains be up - on you,

BASSO *mf*

And may the bles - sing of the great rains be up - on you,

mf (diaps.)

più f

73

f

— may they beat up - on your spi - rit and wash it fair

f

— may they beat up - on your spi - rit and wash it fair

f

— may they beat up - on your spi - rit and wash it fair

f

— may they beat up - on your spi - rit and wash it fair

77

ff

and clean, and leave there ma - ny a shin - ing pool where

ff

and clean and leave there ma - ny a shin - ing pool where

ff

and clean, and leave there ma - ny a shin - ing pool where

ff

and clean, and leave there ma - ny a shin - ing pool where

ancora più f

ped.

6

80

the blue of heav'n shines,

the blue of heav'n shines,

the blue of heav'n shines,

the blue of heav'n shines,

the blue of heav'n shines,

ff

fff

84 SOPRANO SOLO *mp scintillante*

and some - times a star.

pp subito *pp*

89 SOPRANO *mp legato e non prominente*

May you e - ver have a kind - ly

ALTO *mf legato e prominente*

And may the bles - sing of the earth be on you, the great

mf (diaps) soave

ped.

93 SOPRANO

greet - ing for them you pass as you're go - ing ³a - long the

ALTO

round earth.

TENORE *mf legato*

And may it rest ea - sy

BASSO *mf legato*

May the earth be soft un - der you when you rest out up - on

mf

roads.

o - ver you when, at the last, you lie out

it, tired at the end of a day,

SOPRANO ED ALTO *mp* *leggiero*

May it rest so

TENORE TENORE E BASSO *mp* *leggiero*

un - der it. May it rest so

man.

light - ly o - ver you that your soul may be

light - ly o - ver you that your soul may be

107

off from un - der it quick - ly, and up and

off from un - der it quick - ly, and up and

110

off, and up and off,

off, and up and off,

dim.

dim.

113

SOPRANO SOLO *mp* *imparadisante*

and on its way to God.

pp

p e molto tranquillo

And now may the Lord _____ bless _____ you and bless you kind -

p e molto tranquillo

And now may the

p e molto tranquillo

And

p

ped.

TUTTI *p e molto tranquillo*

And now may the Lord _____ bless _____

ly,

Lord _____ bless _____ you and bless you kind - ly,

now may the Lord _____ bless _____ you and bless you kind - ly.

— you and bless you kind - ly.

p dim.

And now may the Lord__ bless__ you and bless

p dim.

And now may the Lord__ bless__ you and

pp

A - men.

pp

you kind - ly.

pp

bless you kind - ly.

pp

A - men.

pp

32'