

# Lord, Let Me Know Mine End

Number 6 of Six Songs of Farewell



*Dedicated to H. P. Allen, Mus. Doc.  
and the Oxford Bach Choir*

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Soprano  
Lord, Lord, Lord, let me know mine

Alto  
Lord, Lord, Lord, let me know mine

Tenor  
Lord, Lord, Lord, let me know mine

Bass  
Lord, Lord, Lord, let me know mine

Soprano  
Lord, Lord, let me know mine end

Alto  
Lord, Lord, let me know mine end

Tenor  
Lord, Lord, let me know mine end

Bass  
Lord, Lord, let me know mine end

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end and the num - ber of my days,  
 end and the num - ber of my days,  
 8 end and the num - ber of my days,  
 end and the num - ber of my days,  
 and the num - ber of my days, That I may be  
 and the num - ber of my days, That I may be  
 8 and the num - ber of my days, That I may be  
 and the num - ber of my days, That I may be

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That I may be cer - ti - fied how long I have to  
 That I may be cer - ti - fied how long I have to  
 8 That I may be cer - ti - fied how long I have to  
 That I may be cer - ti - fied how long I have to  
 cer - ti - fied how long I have to  
 cer - ti - fied how long I have to  
 8 cer - ti - fied how long I have to  
 cer - ti - fied how long I have to

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live. Thou hast made my days as it were a span long;

live. Thou hast made my days as it were a span long;

live. Thou hast made my days as it were a span long;

live.

live. Thou hast made my days as it were a

live. Thou hast made my days as it were a

live. Thou hast made my days as it were a

live. Thou hast made my days as it were a

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*mf* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, *pp* no-thing, *p* in res-pect of

*mf* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, *pp* no-thing, *p* in res-pect of

*mf* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, *pp* no-thing, *p* in res-pect of

*mf* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, *pp* no-thing, *p* in res-pect of

span long. *p* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, no-thing, in res-pect of

span long. *p* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, no-thing, in res-pect of

span long. *p* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, no-thing, in res-pect of

span long. *p* *dim.* And my age is as no-thing, no-thing, in res-pect of

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*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, and ve - ri - ly, *p* ev - 'ry man  
*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, and ve - ri - ly, *p* ev - 'ry man  
*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, and ve - ri - ly,  
*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, and ve - ri - ly,

*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, *f* ve - ri - ly,  
*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, *f* ve - ri - ly,  
*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, *f* ve - ri - ly,  
*mf* Thee, and ve - ri - ly, *f* ve - ri - ly,



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*f* liv - ing, *p* ev - ry man, *pp* ev - ry man — is  
*f* liv - ing, *p* ev - ry man, *pp* ev - ry man — is

*p* ev - ry man, *mf* liv - ing, *dim.* ev - ry man, *p* ev - ry man, *pp* is  
*p* ev - ry man, *mf* liv - ing, *dim.* ev - ry man, *p* ev - ry man, *pp* is

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*pp*  
al - to - ge - ther va - ni - ty.  
*pp*  
al - to - ge - ther va - ni - ty.  
8  
*pp*  
ev - 'ry man liv - ing is al - to - ge - ther  
*pp*  
ev - 'ry man liv - ing is al - to - ge - ther

*pp*  
al - to - ge - ther va - ni - ty.  
*pp*  
al - to - ge - ther va - ni - ty.  
8  
*pp*  
ev - 'ry man liv - ing is al - to - ge - ther  
*pp*  
ev - 'ry man liv - ing is al - to - ge - ther



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*p*  
For man walk eth in a vain sha - dow, And dis -  
*p*  
For man walk eth in a vain sha - dow, And dis -  
8  
*pp*  
va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty,  
*pp*  
va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty,

*p*  
For man walk eth in a vain sha - dow, And dis -  
*p*  
For man walk eth in a vain sha - dow, And dis -  
8  
*pp*  
va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty,  
*pp*  
va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty,

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- qui - et - eth him self in vain, he heap - eth up rich - es and can - not

- qui - et - eth him self in vain, he heap - eth up rich - es and can - not

va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, he heap - eth up rich - es and

va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, he heap - eth up rich - es and

- qui - et - eth him - self in vain, he heap - eth up rich - es and can - not

- qui - et - eth him - self in vain, he heap - eth up rich - es and can - not

va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, he heap - eth up rich - es and

va - ni - ty, va - ni - ty, he heap - eth up rich - es and

tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

can - not tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

can - not tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

can - not tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

can - not tell who shall ga - ther them, who shall ga - ther them. And

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*Slow dolce*

now, Lord, what is my hope?  
 now, Lord, what is my hope?  
 now, Lord, what is my hope?  
 now, Lord, what is my hope?

*Slow dolce*

And now, Lord, what is my hope?  
 And now, Lord, what is my hope?  
 And now, Lord, what is my hope?  
 And now, Lord, what is my hope?

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Tru - ly my hope is ev - en in Thee tru - ly my hope is  
 Tru - ly my hope is ev - en in Thee tru - ly my hope is  
 Tru - ly my hope is ev - en in Thee tru - ly my hope, my hope  
 Tru - ly my hope is ev - en in Thee tru - ly my hope is  
 Tru - ly my hope is ev - en in Thee tru - ly my hope is  
 Tru - ly my hope is ev - en in Thee tru - ly my hope is  
 Tru - ly my hope is ev - en in Thee tru - ly my hope is

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ev - - en in Thee. *p* *f* De -

ev - - en in Thee. *p* *f*

is ev - en in Thee. *p* *f*

ev - - en in Thee. *p* *f*

ev - - en in Thee. *p* *f* De - liv - er me from all mine of -

is ev - en in Thee. *p* *f* De - liv - er me from all mine of -

ev - - en in Thee. *p* *f* De - liv - er me from all mine of -

ev - - en in Thee. *p* *f* De - liv - er me from all mine of -

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- liv - er me from all mine of - fen - ces, *f*

- liv - er me from all mine of - fen - ces, *f*

- liv - er me from all mine of - fen - ces, *f*

- liv - er me from all mine of - fen - ces, *f*

- fen - ces, *ff* And make me not a re -

- fen - ces, *ff* And make me not a re -

- fen - ces, *ff* And make me not a re -

- fen - ces, *ff* And make me not a re -



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make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the fool -

make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the fool -

make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the fool -

make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the fool -

- buke, make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the

- buke, make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the

- buke, make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the

- buke, make me not a re - buke, a re - buke to the

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*Slow* *pp* *dim.*

- lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

*pp* *dim.*

- lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

*pp* *dim.*

- lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

*pp* *dim.*

- lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

*Slow* *pp* *dim.*

fool - lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

*pp* *dim.*

fool - lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

*pp* *dim.*

fool - lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

*pp* *dim.*

fool - lish. I be - came dumb and o - pened not my

67 *pp*

mouth for it was Thy do - ing.

mouth for it was Thy do - ing.

8 *pp*

mouth for it was Thy do - ing.

mouth for it was Thy do - ing.

*pp* mouth it was Thy do - ing.

*pp* mouth it was Thy do - ing.

8 *pp* mouth it was Thy do - ing.

*pp* mouth for it was Thy do - ing. *pp* it was Thy do - ing.

73 *Animato*

*f* Take Thy plague a -

*f* Take Thy plague a - way from me,

8 *f* Take Thy plague a - way from me, Thy

*f* Take Thy plague a - way from me, Thy plague a -

*Animato*

*f* Take Thy plague a - way Thy plague a -

75

way from me, a - way from me,  
 a - way from me,  
 plague a - way, a - way from  
 - way Take Thy plague a - way from

Take Thy plague a - way from me, Thy  
 Take Thy plague a -  
 Take Thy plague a - way from me, take  
 - way Take Thy plague a - way from me,

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I am e - ven con - sumed by means of Thy hea - vy hand,  
 take Thy plague a - way I am e - ven con - sumed by  
 me, take Thy

plague a - way Thy plague a -  
 way from me, Thy plague a -  
 Thy plague a - way from me  
 take Thy plague a -

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means of Thy hea - vy hand, con -

take Thy plague a - way from

plague a - way from me, I am ev - en con -

- way, I am ev - en con - sumed by means of Thy

- way, I am ev - en con - sumed by means of Thy hea - vy hand

Thy plague a - way from me,

- way from me, I am ev - en con -

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con - sumed, con - sumed,

- sumed, con - sumed I am ev - en con -

me, I am e - ven con - sumed, by means of Thy

- sumed by means of Thy hea - vy hand, by means of Thy

hea - vy hand, con - sumed,

I am ev - en con - sumed,

I am ev - en con - sumed, con - sumed, con -

sumed, I am ev - - - en con -

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*ff* I am ev-en con-sumed by means of Thy  
 - sumed, con-sumed by means of Thy  
 hea-vy hand, con-sumed by means of Thy  
 hea-vy hand, con-sumed by means of Thy

*f* I am ev-en con-sumed con-sumed by means of Thy  
 I am ev-en con-sumed by means of Thy  
 - sumed, I am ev-en con-sumed by means of Thy  
 - sumed, con-sumed by means of Thy

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*Slow*  
 hea-vy hand, of Thy hea-vy hand. When Thou with re-  
 hea-vy hand, of Thy hea-vy hand. When Thou with re-  
 hea-vy hand, of Thy hea-vy hand. When Thou with re-  
 hea-vy hand, of Thy hea-vy hand. When Thou with re-

*Slow*  
 hea-vy hand, of Thy hea-vy hand. When Thou with re-  
 hea-vy hand, of Thy hea-vy hand. When Thou with re-

90

*p*

When Thou with re - bukes dost

- bukes dost chast - en man for sin,

8 - bukes dost chast - en man for sin,

- bukes dost chast - en man for sin,

*p*

When Thou with re - bukes dost chast -

When Thou with re - bukes dost chast -

- bukes dost chast - en man for sin, dost chast - en

When Thou with re - bukes dost

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*p*

*a little faster*

*p*

chast - en man for sin, Thou mak - est his beau - ty to con -

Thou mak - est his beau - ty to con -

Thou mak - est his beau - ty to con -

chast - en man for sin Thou mak - est his beau - ty to con -

*a little faster*

*p*

- - en man for sin Thou mak - est his beau - - ty to con - sume a -

- - en man for sin Thou mak - est his beau - ty to con -

man for sin Thou mak - est his beau - ty to con -

chast - en man for sin Thou mak - est his beau - ty to con -

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- sume a - way, like as it were a moth,  
 - sume a - way, like as it were a moth,  
 - sume a - way, like as it were a moth,  
 - sume a - way, like as it were a

- way, like as it were a moth, fret - ting,  
 - sume a - way, like as it were a moth, fret - ting,  
 - sume a - way, like as it were a moth, fret - ting,  
 - sume a - way, like as a moth, a

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fret - ting fret - ting fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man, ev -  
 fret - ting fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man, ev -  
 fret - ting fret - ting fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man,  
 moth, fret - ting fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man,

were a moth, fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man,  
 were a moth, fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man,  
 fret - ting fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man,  
 moth, fret - ting fret - ting a gar - ment; ev - 'ry man,

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- 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 ev - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 ev - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 ev - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 ev - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 ev - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 ev - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,  
 ev - 'ry man, ev - 'ry man there - fore is but van - i - ty,

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**Animato**

van - i - ty, van - i - ty. Hear my pray'r, O Lord, and with Thine  
 ni - ty. Hear my pray'r, O Lord, and with Thine  
 van - i - ty, van - i - ty. Hear my pray'r, O Lord, and with Thine  
 ni - ty  
 van - i - ty, van - i - ty. Hear my pray'r, O Lord, and with Thine  
 i ty. Hear my pray'r, O Lord, and with Thine  
 van - i - ty, van - i - ty. Hear my pray'r, O  
 ni - ty. Hear



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ears con - si - der my call - ing, hold not Thy peace at my

ears con - si - der my call - ing, hold not Thy peace at my

8 ears con - si - der my call - ing, hold not Thy peace at my

Hear my pray'r O Lord, hold not Thy peace at my

ears con - si - der my call - ing, Hold not Thy

ears con - si - der my call - ing, Hold not Thy

8 Lord. Hold not Thy

my pray'r O Lord, Hold not Thy

117 *Poco animato*

tears !

tears ! For I am a

8 tears ! For I am a stran - ger with Thee and a so - journ - er as

tears ! For I am a stran - ger with Thee and a so - journ - er

*Poco animato*

peace at my tears ! Hold

peace at my tears ! Hold

8 peace, for I am a

peace, hold not Thy peace, hold

120

For I am a stran-ger with Thee and a  
 stran-ger with Thee and a so-journ-er, a strang-er, a  
 all my fa-thers were, for I am a strang-er with  
 I am a

not Thy peace, for I am a stran-ger with Thee and a  
 not Thy peace, for I am a stran-ger with Thee and a  
 stran-ger with Thee and a so-journ-er. a stran-ger  
 not Thy peace I am a

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so-journ-er, as all my fa-thers were.  
 stran-ger, a  
 Thee and a so-journ-er  
 stran-ger with Thee, as all my fa-  
 so-journ-er a stran-ger with  
 so-journ-er a stran-ger with Thee, as all my  
 a stran-ger with Thee, as all my  
 stran-ger with Thee, a stran-ger with Thee,

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*poco rit.**p a tempo, tranquillo*

stran - ger with Thee as all my fa - thers were. O spae me a

- thers were, as all my fa - thers were. O

*poco rit.**a tempo, tranquillo*

Thee as all my fa - thers were. fa - thers were. O

fa - thers were, as all my fa - thers were. as all, as all my fa - thers were. O

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lit - tle, that I may re - cov - er my strength, O spare me, O spare me, spare me, O spare me, spare me, O spare me a O spare me, O spare me, O

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O spare me, that I may re-cov-er my strength

O spare me, O spare me a

me, O spare me, O

O spare, O spare me,

lit-tle, that I may re-cov-er my strength,

O spare me a lit-tle,

spare me, spare

be-fore I

lit-tle, that I may re-cov-er my strength,

O spare me a lit-tle,

spare me, spare

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*cresc. molto*

O spare me a lit-tle, that I may re-cov-er my strength

lit-tle, O spare me, O spare me, a lit-tle

spare me, O spare me, spare me a lit-tle, that I may re-

O spare me a

go, be-fore I go hence,

be-fore I go hence

O spare me a lit-tle, O spare me,

spare me,

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*p* be - fore I go - hence  
 be - fore I go, be - fore I go - hence, be -  
 - cov - er my strength, be - fore I go - hence, be - fore I go hence, -  
 lit - tle, be - fore I go -  
 be - fore I go - hence,  
 be - fore I go hence, be -  
 be - fore I go hence,

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*mf espress.* be - fore I go - hence, *pp* be - fore I go - hence, *dim. e rit.*  
 - fore I go, *pp* be - fore I go - hence *dim. e rit.*  
 - be - fore I go, *pp* be - fore I go - hence, be - fore I go *dim. e rit.*  
 hence, *espress.* I go hence, be - fore, be - fore I go -  
 be - fore I go - hence, *pp* be - fore I go *dim. e rit.*  
 be - fore I go - hence, *pp* be - fore I go *dim. e rit.*  
 fore I go - hence, be - fore I go hence, *dim. e rit.*  
 - be - fore I go hence, be - fore I go *dim. e rit.*

