

# Absent Friends

Score

For my friends, the Silverado High School  
Concert Choir, and for my esteemed friend,  
their Conductor, Klark Black

♩ = 48, not too quickly

Music and lyrics by Steven Glade

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, measures 1-4. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 48, not too quickly. The Soprano part has lyrics: "Ab - sent friends". The Alto and Tenor parts have lyrics: "Come raise your glas-ses high to ho-nor ab-sent friends." The Bass part has no lyrics. Measure numbers 2, 3, and 4 are indicated above the staff lines.

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, measures 5-7. The score continues from the previous system. The Soprano part has lyrics: "Ab - sent friends". The Alto and Tenor parts have lyrics: "Come fill your heart with mem - 'ries fond of ab - sent friends." The Bass part has no lyrics. Measure numbers 5, 6, and 7 are indicated above the staff lines.

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Musical score for measures 8, 9, and 10. The score is for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The key signature is B-flat major. Measure 8 starts with a 7/8 time signature, measure 9 with a 5/4 time signature, and measure 10 with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: S: Ab - sent friends, ab - sent friends. A: swift-ly pulls us far a - way from ab - sent We feel the T: Time's flood so swift-ly pulls us far a - way from ab - sent We feel the B: (Instrumental accompaniment)

Musical score for measures 11, 12, and 13. The score is for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The key signature is B-flat major. Measure 11 is in common time (C), measure 12 in 5/4 time, and measure 13 in 6/4 time. The lyrics are: S: Ab - sent friends. Ab - sent friends. all, our ab-sent A: weight of loss since part-ing from our ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab-sent T: weight of loss since part-ing from our ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab-sent B: (Instrumental accompaniment)

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14 15 16

S friends. God care for all our ab - sent friends.

A friends. God care for all our ab - sent friends.

T friends. God care for all our ab - sent friends.

B

$\text{♩} = 68, \text{faster}$

17 18

S Ooo

A Friends we laughed with, friends we grew with, friends whose hearts we knew.

T Ooo

B

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4

Musical score for measures 19 and 20. The score is for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. Measure 19 contains the lyrics: "Friends we fought with, friends we thought with,". Measure 20 contains the lyrics: "friends whose souls were true." The Soprano part has a melodic line with eighth notes. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts provide harmonic support with long, sustained notes.

Musical score for measures 21, 22, and 23. The score is for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. Measure 21 contains the lyrics: "Ooo...". Measure 22 contains the lyrics: "Friends who shared our joys and pain, each hap-py hope ful-filled." Measure 23 contains the lyrics: "Friends who lit each bles-sed day, I". The Soprano part has a melodic line with long notes. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts provide harmonic support with long, sustained notes.

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24 *rit.* 25 26 27

S Ab - sent friends

A *rit.* Come raise your glas-ses high to ho-nor ab-sent friends.

T see their faces still. *rit.* Come raise your glas-ses high to ho-nor ab-sent friends.

B

28 29 30 31

S Ab - sent friends

A Come fill your heart with mem'-ries fond of ab - sent friends. Ab - sent friends

T Come fill your heart with mem'-ries fond of ab - sent friends.

B

32 33 34

S Ab - sent friends, ab - sent friends.

A swift-ly pulls us far a - way from ab - sent We feel the

T Time's flood so swift-ly pulls us far a - way from ab - sent We feel the

B

# Absent Friends

6

35 36 37

S Ab - sent friends. Ab - sent friends. all, our ab - sent

A weight of loss since part-ing from our ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab - sent

T weight of loss since part-ing from our ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab - sent

B

38 39 40 41 42 *pp*

S friends. Ab-sent friends. God keep them *pp*

A friends. Ab-sent friends. God keep them *pp*

T friends. Ab-sent friends. God keep them *pp*

B

$\text{♩} = 40$  43 rit. to end 44

S all, our ab sent friends.

A all, our ab - sent friends.

T all, our ab - sent friends.

B

Friends.