

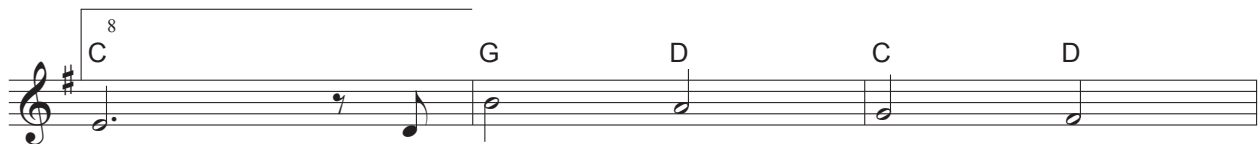
Lead Us Safely Home



1 Brown mead-ows in the sum-mer sun, green branch-es where the riv-ers run, this
 2 Dark streets where beg-gars sleep in doors, cold flats, the pal-ace of the poor, this
 3 Hos-pi-tal cor-ri-dors of night where walk the nurs-es of the light to
 4 Break-fast count-ers, corn-er bars, cit-y bus-es, rail-road cars, all
 5 Hold a ba-by at your breast, hike the trail to mountain crest, and
 6 Stand for jus-tice, strike for peace, strive for pri-son-ers' re-lease, and
 7 Look in-to each oth-er's eyes, be-yond the laugh-ter and the lies, Oh,
 8 As in heav-en, so on earth, Christ has hal-lowed hu-man worth, and



ho-ly life, so quick-ly done, Oh, lead us safe-ly home.
 hard and hard-y world of yours, Oh, lead us safe-ly home.
 tell us it will be all right, Oh, lead us safe-ly home.
 formed from dust of dy-ing stars, Oh, lead us safe-ly home.
 at the last, a ho-ly rest, Oh, lead us safe-ly home.
 when our lit-tle la-bors cease, then, lead us safe-ly home.
 God of heav-en, make us wise, and, lead us safe-ly home.
 dy-ing is a sec-ond birth, so lead us safe-ly home.



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for a memorial service

This or a similar prayer may be spoken over the repeated refrain:

O God, support us all the day long of this joyous and perilous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then of your tender mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Guide. (adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*)