

Vacant Chair

(Life's Railway to Heaven)

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♩ = 120

VERSE

1. We shall meet, but we shall miss him. There will be one va - cant
 2. At our fire - side, sad and lone - ly, Of - ten will the bo - som
 3. True, they tell us wreaths of glo - ry ev - er more will deck his

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DUL A 1

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DUL A

A 3 4 5 3 4 5 4 3 3 3 3 4 3 1

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Em7

chair; We shall lin - ger to ca - ress him while we breathe our ev - 'ning
 swell, At re - mem - brance of the sto - ry. How our no - ble Wil - lie
 brow, But this soothes the an - guish on - ly sweep - ing o'er our heart - strings

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DUL A 0 0 0 0

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DUL A

A 0 0 0 3 0 3 4 5 5 3 3 4 4 5 5

A7

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G

pray'r; When a year a - go we gath - ered joy was in his mild blue
 fell; How he strove to bear our ban - ner through the thick - est of the
 now. Sleep to - day, oh ear - ly fal - len, In thy green and nar - row

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DUL A 1

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DUL A

A 4 3 4 5 5 3 4 5 4 3 3 3 3 4 3 1

D **A7**

eyes, but a gold - en chord is sev - ered and our hopes in ru - in
 fight, and up - hold our coun - try's hon - or, in the strength of man - hood's
 bed, Dir - ges from the pine and cy - press, min - gle with the tears we

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DUL A 0 0 0 0

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DUL A

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CHORUS

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 might. shed.

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DUL A

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DUL A

A 3 4 5 6 6 3 4 5 5 5 6 7 5 4 3

A **D** **G** **D** **A** **D**

chair. We shall lin - ger to ca - ress him, when we breathe our ev - 'ning pray'r.

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DUL A 1

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DUL A

A 4 5 6 7 5 4 3 1 3 3 4 5 3 4 4 3