

A time for remembering
and reflecting

Meadow
of memories

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Welcome to Rowcroft's Meadow of Memories

Introduction by Andy Barton,
Rowcroft's Spiritual Care Specialist

On The Death Of A Beloved *A blessing from 'Benedictus'*

Though we need to weep your loss,
you dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
where no storm or night or pain can reach you.

Your love was like the dawn,
brightening over our lives,
awakening beneath the dark
a further adventure of colour.

The sound of your voice
found for us a new music
that brightened everything.

Whatever you enfolded in your gaze
quicken in the joy of its being;
you placed smiles like flowers
on the altar of the heart.
Your mind always sparkled
with wonder at things.

Though your days here were brief,
your spirit was alive, awake, complete.
We look towards each other no longer from
the old distance of our names;
now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
as close to us as we are to ourselves.

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
we know our soul's gaze is upon your face,
smiling back at us from within everything
to which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory
where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
beside us when beauty brightens,
when kindness glows
and music echoes eternal tones.

John O'Donohue
Read by Jenny Hall,
Bereavement Services Coordinator



May it be

May it be an evening star
Shines down upon you
May it be when darkness falls
Your heart will be true
You walk a lonely road
Oh, how far you are from home
Mornië utúlië
Believe and you will find your way
Mornië alantië
A promise lives within you now
May it be the shadow's call
Will fly away
May it be your journey on
To light the day
When the night is overcome
You may rise to find the sun
Mornië utúlië
Believe and you will find your way
Mornië alantië
A promise lives within you now
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*Performed by Torquay Girls' Grammar School
in the hospice grounds*

*Millie Russell, Hayden Dadswell, Ciara Williams,
Phoebe George, Grace Williams, Steph Broom,
Amelie Skilton, Head of Music – Naomi Hagland*

Enya originally created this piece of music for *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* soundtrack. The lyrics include English words, and words in the fictional Elvish language, Quenya, created by J.R.R. Tolkien. Lyrics in English and Quenya are written by Roma Ryan.

This Heritage

Those who leave us this great heritage
of remembered joy,
They still live in our hearts
in the happiness we knew,
in the dreams we shared.

They still breathe,
in the lingering fragrance, windblown,
from their favourite flowers.

They still smile in the moonlight's silver,
and laugh in the sunlight's sparkling gold.

They still speak in the echoes of the words
we've heard them say again and again.

They still move,
in the rhythm of waving grasses,
in the dance of the tossing branches.

Those who leave us...
Their memory is warm in our hearts,
comfort in our sorrow.

They are not apart from us,
but a part of us.

For love is eternal,
and those we love shall be with us
throughout eternity.

Read by employees of Rowcroft Hospice

*Holly Hayman, Angela Sparrow,
Gemma Franke, Catherine Doye,
Sue Harvey, Monika Cann*



A Moment of Reflection with Gabriel's
Oboe played by Fergus McCready

Prayer
Delivered by Andy Barton

*Life is eternal, and love is immortal,
and death is only a horizon,
and a horizon is nothing
save the limit of our sight*

We hope you have enjoyed this virtual service of remembrance, celebration and thanksgiving; remembering our loved ones; reflecting and giving thanks for their lives and our memories.

Thank you!

Rowcroft's care is provided free of charge – it is funded in the main through donations and legacies.

In fact, your donations towards the Meadow of Memories this year have helped us to pay for a Senior Healthcare Assistant for a whole year to care for patients. This is thanks to the kindness and compassion of amazing people like you.

Here are some other ways in which you can support Rowcroft in memory of a loved one

Regular Giving

No matter how large or small, monthly donations are a wonderful way to secure the future of the hospice, helping to plan ahead.

Gifts in your Will

Donations in Wills, also known as legacies, are a vital source of funds for Rowcroft. Once your loved ones have been provided for, it would be wonderful if you are able to leave a donation to Rowcroft Hospice. Your kind gift will help provide more care and support to families in South Devon for many years to come.

Events and Challenges

This is a great opportunity to have some fun and support the work that takes place at the hospice. Information about specific events and challenges can be found on our website.

Volunteering – The gift of time

On average each year our wonderful volunteers donate over 58,616 hours of their time, saving the hospice more than £577,864. It's a great way to meet new friends and learn different skills. If you have some spare time, join the team!

Please call Rebecca on 01803 217450 if you'd like to know more about the different ways you can support Rowcroft or visit www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk



Virtual remembrance celebration led by
Andy Barton, Rowcroft's Spiritual Care Specialist

And also with special thanks to:

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Fergus McCready in memory of his Grandfather, John Ridalls

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