

For Shannon McDonough
An Old Irish Blessing
 Unison Voices and Piano or Keyboard

Traditional Irish

James Biery

Easily (♩ = ca. 80)

Keyboard

p

4 (Unison Voices) *p*

May the road rise up to meet you, May the

wind be al-ways at your back, May the sun shine warm— up -

10 on your face, and rain fall soft up - on your fields, and

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems. The first system is for the keyboard, with a tempo marking 'Easily (♩ = ca. 80)' and a dynamic marking 'p'. The second system begins with a measure rest for the unison voices, followed by the lyrics 'May the road rise up to meet you, May the'. The third system continues the lyrics 'wind be al-ways at your back, May the sun shine warm— up -'. The fourth system concludes with '10 on your face, and rain fall soft up - on your fields, and'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

Also available for Medium Voice and Piano or Keyboard, in *The Peace of Christ*, MSM-40-850.

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f

rain fall soft up-on your fields. And un - til we meet a -

p *f*

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gain, un - til we meet a - gain, and un - til we meet, we

rit.

rit.

33

Slowly *p* *a tempo*

meet a - gain, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Slowly *p* *colla voce* *a tempo*

36

rit. *pp*

Red.

