

FRIENDS

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Arr. by David Wright 2/15/87
for AMBIANCE
transposed for men's voices 6/15/97
for the VOCAL MAJORITY

INTRO:

lead narration through intro
Friends, just friends, Always

friends. To the end we're friends.

VERSE may be sung as lead solo, with other parts singing "ooh"

Pack-ing up the dreams— God plant-ed— In the fer-tile

soil— of you; Can't be-lieve the hopes— He's grant-ed—

Means a chap - ter in your life — is through. But we'll keep you close —

as al - ways; — It won't e - ven seem — you're gone, —

'Cause our hearts — in big — and small ways — Will keep the love that

CHORUS 1

keeps — us strong. — And — friends are friends for -

ev - er — If the Lord's the Lord of them. — And a friend will not say "nev - er" — 'Cause the

55 56 57 58 59

wel - come will not end. — Though it's hard to let you go, — In the Fa - ther's hands we

60 61 62 63 64

know — That a life-time's not too long to live as friends. Ah — And —

CHORUS 2

65 66 67 68 69

friends are friends for - ev - er. — If the Lord's the Lord of them. — And a friend will not say

70 71 72 73 74

'nev - er' — 'Cause the wel - come will not end. — Though it's hard to let you go, — In the

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75 76 77 78 79 80

Fa - ther's hands we know — That a life-time's not too long — it's not too long — not too long —

to live as friends

81 82 83 84 85

to live as friends

long

to live as friends

friends.

This musical score is for a song in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody, with lyrics 'to live as friends' above measures 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85. Measures 84 and 85 feature a double bar line with a repeat sign. The bass staff provides accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has lyrics 'to live as friends' above measures 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85. The bass staff has lyrics 'long' above measure 81 and 'to live as friends' above measures 82, 83, 84, and 85. The piece concludes with a double bar line in measure 85.