

O wizened eyes resplendent

In memory of Robert Coon (1931 - 2021)

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Capo 3: G B_b C E_b D7/A F7/C G B_b C E_b D F Em Gm

1 O wiz - ened eyes re - splen-dent, we seek the things you saw,
2 O ea - ger lips of bless - ing, speak grace for us to - day,
3 O trem - b'ling hands of ser - vice, wrap arms a - round us all.

C E_b D7/A F7/C G B_b Cmaj7 E_bmaj7 Am Cm G B_b

that urged you to such great - ness, and hum - bled you in awe.
for - give us and our mourn-ing, our stub - born, pet - ty ways.
Take res - pite from your la - bors, and joy in heav - en's call.

D F Em Gm D F G B_b D F G B_b C E_b

We strive now, as you once strove, toward the bea - con, toward the Light.
We speak now, as you once spoke, prayers and stor - ies, ho - ly jest,
We fight now, as you once fought, not with sword, but plow-share hewn.

Em Gm C E_b G B_b Am/C Cm/E_b Em Gm D F

With fore - bears in - vit - ing, it beck - ons yet more bright.
to bol - ster worn hearts and in - spire us to our best.
Through clang - or - ous war drums you hummed a dif - f'rent tune:

C E_b D7/A F7/C G/B B_b/D C E_b D F Em Gm

Though tear - y eyes may hin - der, and sor - row shroud our way,
You ut - tered bless'd ass - ur - ance, through strife, your words did calm,
Ev - 'ry note is one of jus - tice, each tear can shat - ter chains,

C E_b D7/A F7/C G B_b Cmaj7 E_bmaj7 Am Cm G B_b

what seems to us like eve - ning may just be break of day.
there is a - far in Gi - le - ad, vouch - safed for us a Balm.
ev - 'ry sigh be - comes a rush of wind, set free a - cross the plains.