

Softly As I Leave You

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Arranged for male voices by Alan Simmons

2nd. time, oboe solo for 8 bars. If no oboe the choir should ~~Ham~~ ooo

♩ = 88

Tenors *2x ooo* *p* Soft - ly

Basses *p* Soft - ly

Piano *Very expressively* *p*

4

I will leave you soft - - ly for my heart would

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2
7

break if you should wake and see me go

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10

2nd. time sing words again

so I leave you soft - - ly long be - fore you

so I leave you soft - - ly long be - fore you

13

cresc.

miss me long be - fore your arms can beg me

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16 stay for one more hour *dim.*

stay for one more hour for one more *p* day

stay for one more hour for one more hour

stay for one more hour *dim.* for one more *p* day

20 *cresc.*

— Af-ter all the years — I can't bear the

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23 *f* tears to fall *pp* so soft - - ly

f tears to fall *pp* so soft - - ly

4
26

rit. *tenuto* *rit.*
— as I leave you there as I leave you there

rit. *tenuto* *rit.*
as I leave you there as I leave you there

rit. *tenuto*

30

tenuto
as I leave you there

tenuto
as I leave you there

rubato
tenuto *ppp*