

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



JOHN SYDNEY KEETCH

17th May 1947 - 6th April 2026

Wilford Hill Crematorium
Monday 27th April 2026 at 11.00 am







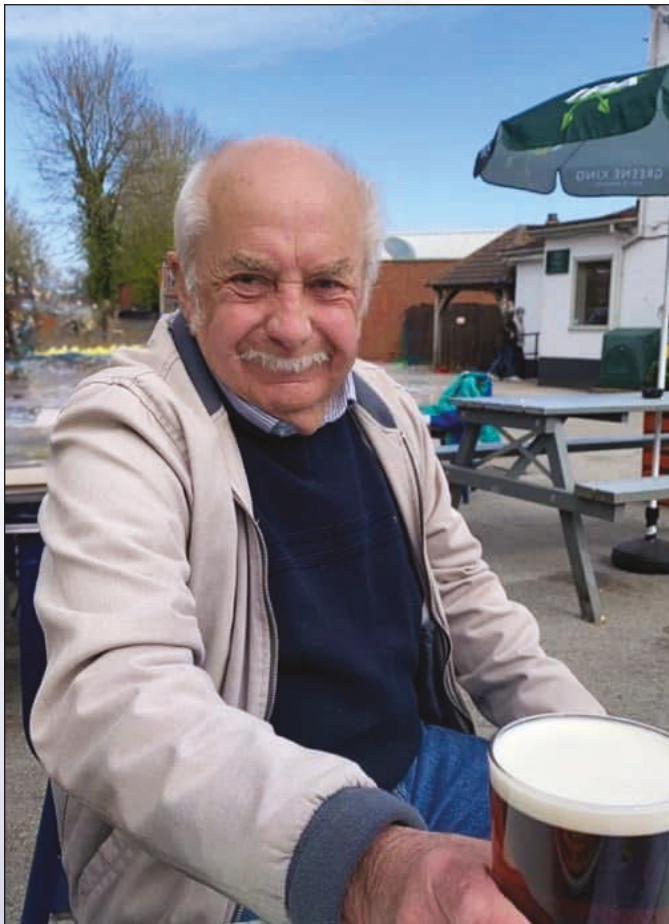
ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by Colum O'Shea, Civil Funeral Celebrant

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Somebody To Love
Queen

WORDS OF WELCOME



POEM

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me,

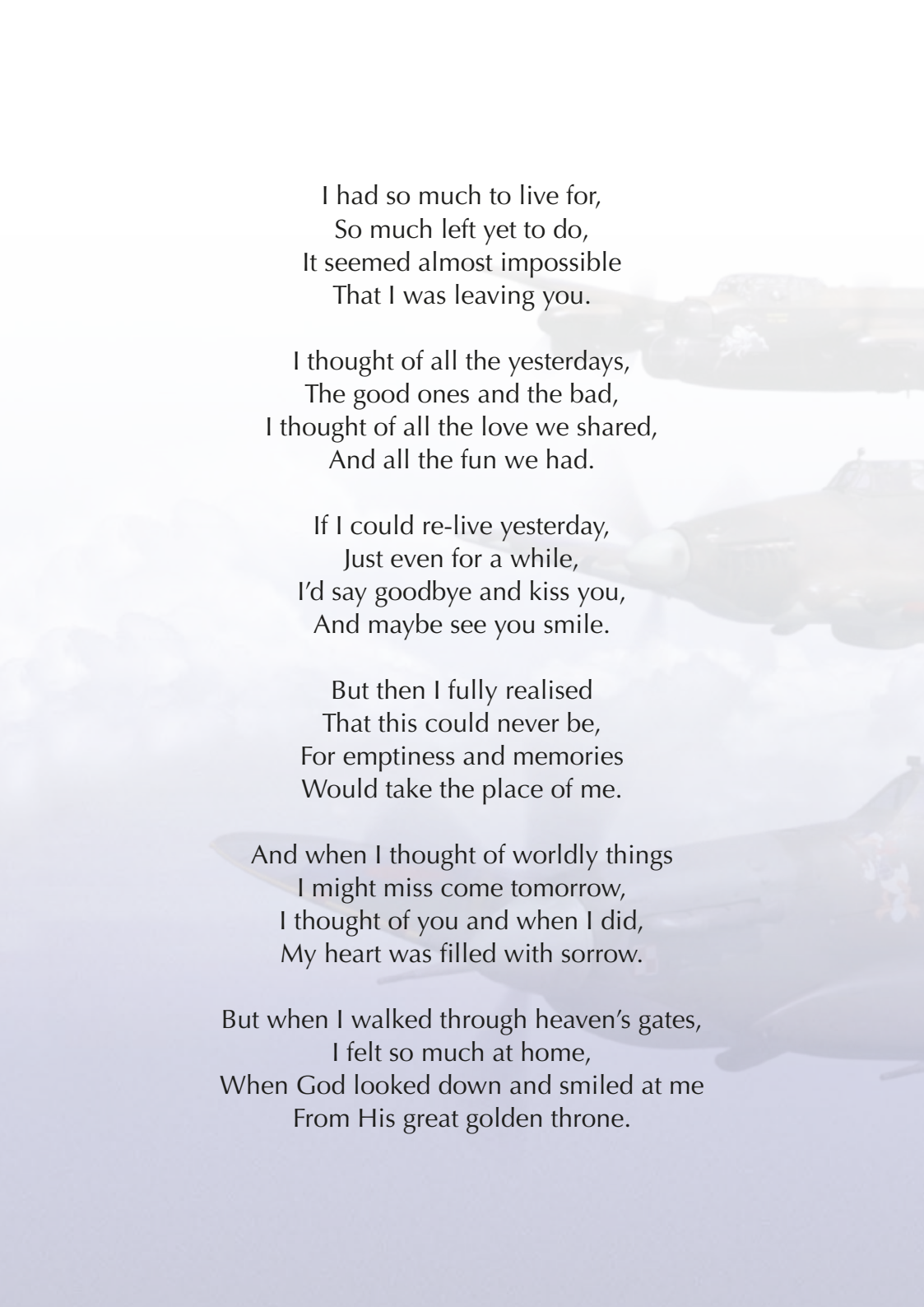
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,

And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.



I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible
That I was leaving you.

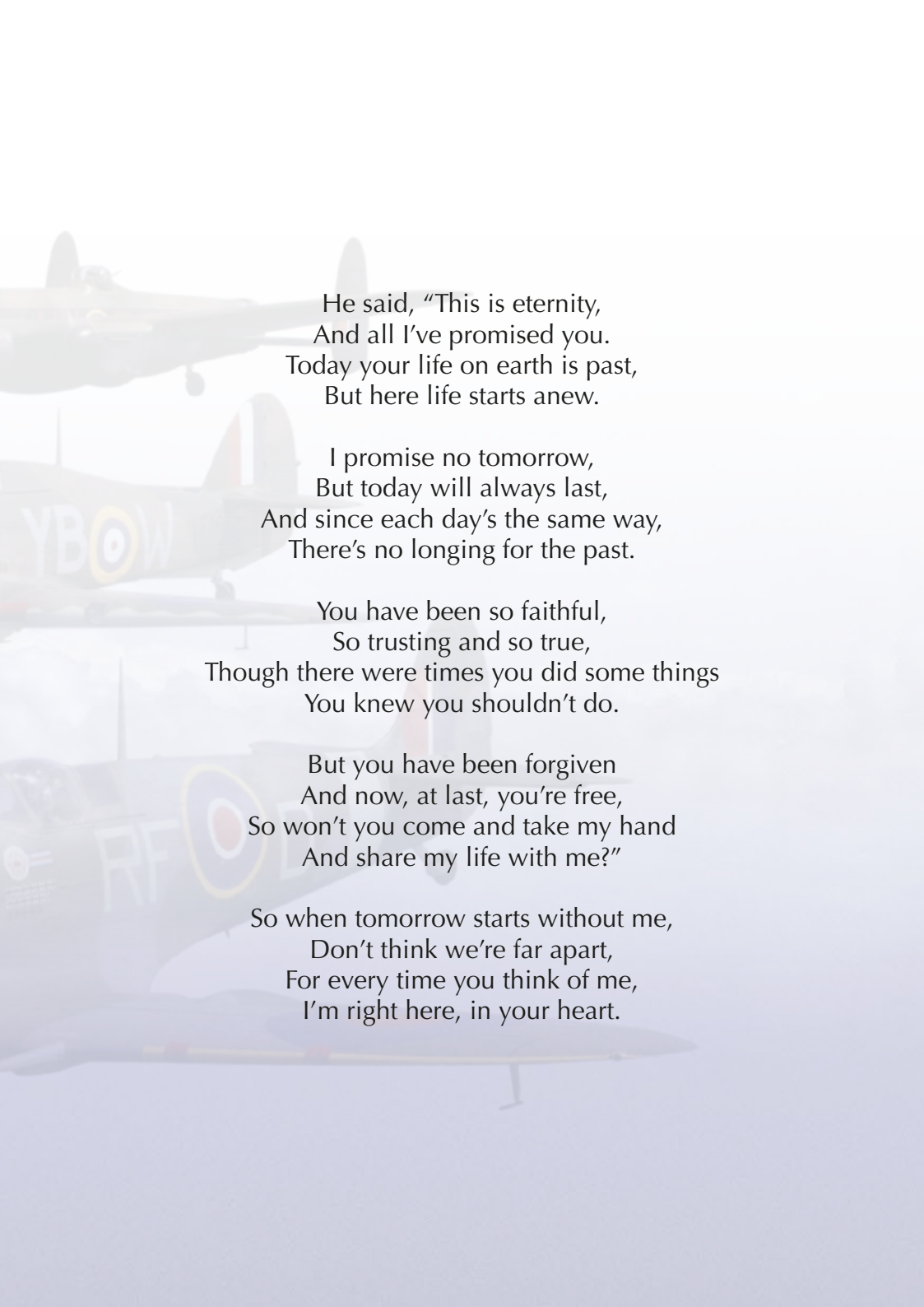
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.

If I could re-live yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you,
And maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realised
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home,
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne.



He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way,
There's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true,
Though there were times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven
And now, at last, you're free,
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?"

So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.



REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Nine Million Bicycles
Katie Melua

EULOGY

TRIBUTE

from Courtney

PICTURES OF JOHN

accompanied by
Dance With My Father
Luther Vandross

REFLECTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.



COMMITTAL

CLOSING WORDS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

My Heart Will Go On
Celine Dion





The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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