



# *Simon John Curtis*

23rd November 1944 - 4th May 2023

Kent & Sussex Crematorium

Wednesday 31st May 2023 at 3.15pm

## **FAMILY & COFFIN ENTRANCE**

### ***Stabat Mater***

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Welcome words by Deborah Glass

### ***The Lost Words Blessing***

Julie Fowlis

Enter the wild with care, my love  
And speak the things you see  
Let new names take and root and thrive and grow  
And even as you travel far from heather, crag and river  
May you like the little fisher, set the stream alight with glitter  
May you enter now as otter without falter into water

Look to the sky with care, my love  
And speak the things you see  
Let new names take and root and thrive and grow  
And even as you journey on past dying stars exploding  
Like the gilded one in flight, leave your little gifts of light  
And in the dead of night my darling,  
find the gleaming eye of starling  
Like the little aviator, sing your heart to all dark matter

Walk through the world with care, my love  
And sing the things you see  
Let new names take and root and thrive and grow  
And even as you stumble through machair sands eroding  
Let the fern unfurl your grieving, let the heron still your breathing  
Let the selkie swim you deeper, oh my little silver-seeker  
Even as the hour grows bleaker, be the singer and the speaker  
And in city and in forest, let the larks become your chorus  
And when every hope is gone, let the raven call you home

**REMEMBERING SIMON**

Jacki O'Shea

**REMEMBERING DAD**

Clare Barclay & Harvey Curtis

**COMMITTAL: FAREWELL TO SIMON**

*True Love Ways*

Buddy Holly

**CLOSING POEM**

Read by James Barclay

*He is Gone*

David Harkin

You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on



### ***Appreciation***

Sylvia, Harvey & Clare would like to thank you all for your kind support during this time of sadness.

Simon didn't approve of tears and always chose laughter as the alternative!

### **EXIT MUSIC**

***Free Bird***

Lynyrd Skynyrd

We would love to welcome you to celebrate Simon's life at:

The Spa Hotel  
Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Kent, TN4 8XJ

### ***Donations***

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity (Macmillan Cancer Support), it can be made at <http://simoncurtis.muchloved.com>