



# John Williams

5th December 1947 – 27th April 2023

Service held at Woodvale Crematorium  
Tuesday 18th July 2023, 9.30am

**Entrance Music**  
Xerxes by Handel

**Poem**

The Comfort and Sweetness of Peace by Helen Steiner Rice

After the clouds, the sunshine,  
after the winter, the spring,  
after the shower, the rainbow,  
for life is a changeable thing.  
After the night, the morning,  
bidding all darkness cease,  
after life's cares and sorrows,  
the comfort and sweetness of peace.

**Eulogy**

**Music**

Bird on a Wire by Jennifer Warnes

*This version of the Leonard Cohen song was chosen by John to introduce his first set of talks for Radio 4, based on his prison journals.*

## **Poem**

Let Me Go by Christina Rossetti

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.

## **The Committal**

## **Music**

Sheep May Safely Graze by Bach

*A few days ago I celebrated the third anniversary of my release from Lewes prison - I'm still not sure how I've adjusted to the outside world . . . although sometimes I feel lonely, life outside prison is certainly preferable. And, while I wait, I have a wide circle of friends and the ready made but noisy family of Jelly - my Heinz 57 dog - and the recent addition of a bossy little Yorkshire terrier.*

**Silver Threads, John Williams**



**William Williams**

John's final companion on the lookout for rabbits in Yorkshire.

Please join us for light refreshments after the service at  
Café Mojo, 148 Lewes Rd, BN2 3LG.