



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.