

*A celebration of the life of*



# **Raymond William Martin**

**20th October 1928 - 30th July 2023**

**St Botolphs Church, Grimston, Norfolk  
6th September, 2023 | 11am**

*“As is a tale, so is a life:  
Not how long it is, but how good it is,  
is what matters”*

**Seneca**

**Song - Fiddler's Green**

**by John Conolly**

Music By Chris Denley

As I rowed by the dockside one evening so rare  
To view the still waters and take the salt air  
I heard an old fisherman singing this song  
Oh take me away boys, my time is not long  
(chorus)

**Dress me up in me oilskins and jumper**

**No more on the docks I'll be seen**

**Just tell my old shipmates**

**I'm taking a trip mates**

**And I'll see you someday in fiddlers green**

Now fiddlers green is a place I've heard tell

Where fishermen go if they don't go to hell

Where the weather is fair and the dolphins do play

And the cold coast of Greenland is far, far away

**Chorus**

Now the skies always clear and there's never a gale

And the fish jump on board with a flip of their tails

You lie at your leisure, there's no work to do

And the skipper's below making tea for the crew

**Chorus**

Now I don't want a harp nor a halo, not me

Just give me a breeze and a good rolling sea

I'll play me old squeezebox as we sail along

With the wind in the rigging to sing me this song

**Chorus**

**Committal**

**Blessing**

**Exit Music**



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