

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



ALLEN BISHOP  
'BRONCO'

5th February 1946 - 7th January 2023

Bramcote Crematorium, Reflection Chapel  
Friday 10th February 2023 at 2.30 pm





# ORDER OF SERVICE

## MUSIC ON ENTRY

Time To Say Goodbye  
Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

POEM

God's Garden  
by Melissa Shreve

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain;  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine.'

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

POEM

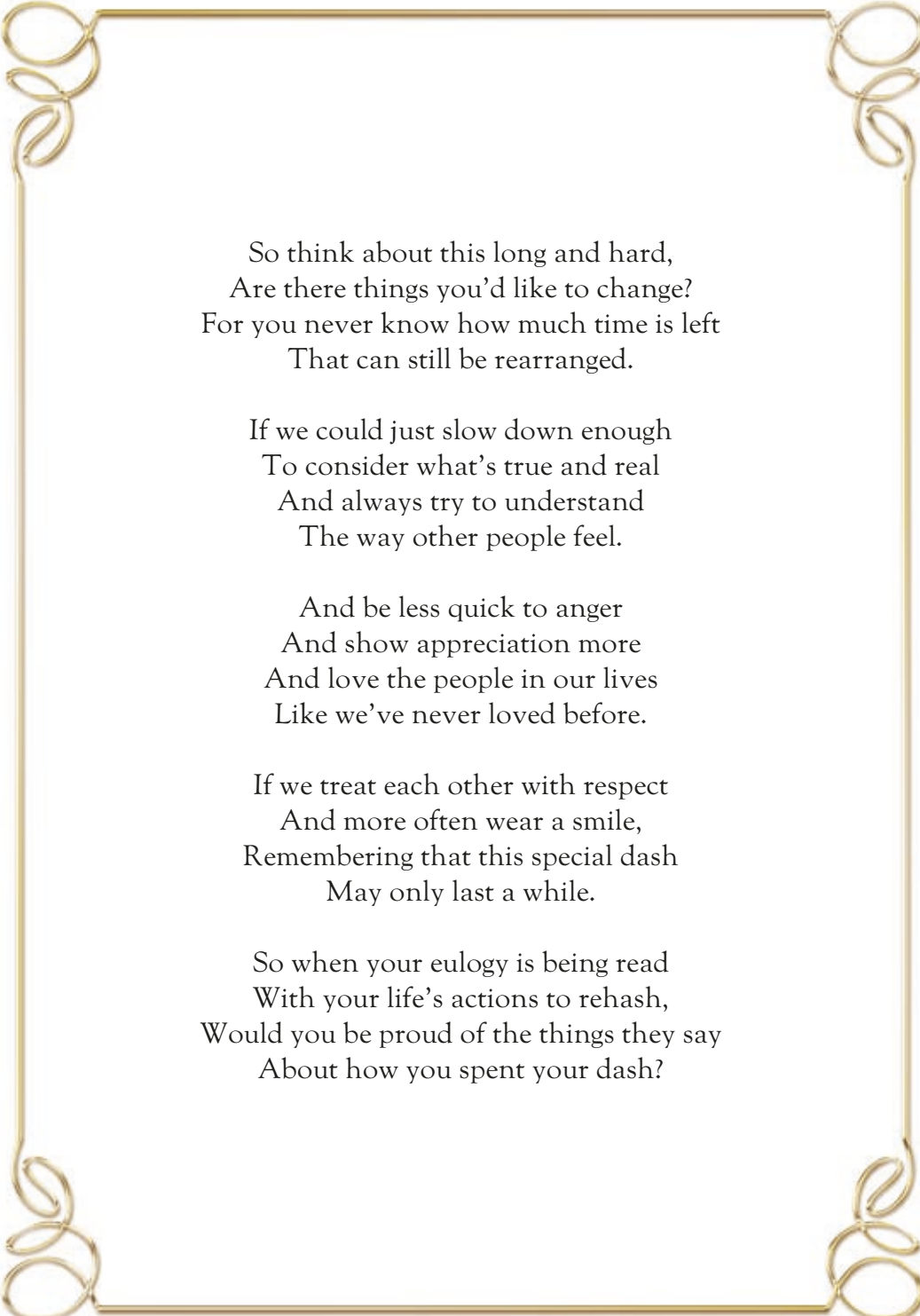
The Dash  
by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend,  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone,  
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years,

For that dash represents all the time  
That they spent alive on earth,  
And now only those who loved them  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own,  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.



So think about this long and hard,  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect  
And more often wear a smile,  
Remembering that this special dash  
May only last a while.

So when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash,  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?



MEMORIES OF ALLEN



## HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

The purple headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well:

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.*

*Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1895)*





### 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.



FAREWELL

CLOSING WORDS

MUSIC ON LEAVING

Simply The Best

Tina Turner





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