

Long Road is English version of my recent choral composition *Tāls Ceļš* (lyrics by Latvian poet Pauline Bārda),
and it is dedicated to Stephen Layton and *Polyphony* who first performed it
on April 8th, 2010 in Trinity College Chapel Cambridge.

LONG ROAD

Pauline Bārda
(1890-1983)
English transl. by Elaine Singley Lloyd

Eriks Ešenvalds
(*1977)

Espressivo, rubato ♩ = 66

p

S
A

Choir

T
B

I love, I love you night and day as a star in the dis-tant sky. And I

I love you

6

mp

S
A

Choir

T
B

mourn for this one thing a - lone that to love, our life-time was so short, so short. Mm

Group

S
A

p

A long

11

p

S
A

Choir

T
B

Mm

Group

S
A

road to heav-en's shin - ing mead - ow, and nev - er could I reach its end. But a

T
B

...to heav-en's

15 *mp*

S
A

Choir

T
B

S
A

Group

long - er road leads to your heart, which to me seems dis-tant as a star, to me.

T
B

star. I

20

Few
S and A

...love you night and day star in the dis-tant sky. Ah

S
A

Choir

T
B

love, I love you night and day as a star in the dis-tant sky. And I mourn for this one thing a -

...love you night and day star in the dis-tant sky. I

mf

p

mf

25

Few
S and A

A long road to

S
A

Choir

T
B

lone that to love, our life-time was so short, so short. ...road to heav-en's

short. A long...

...road to

mp

mp

30

Few S and A

shin-ing mead - ow, nev - er reach its end. Ah

Choir

shin-ing mead - ow and nev - er could I reach its end. But a long - er road leads to your

T B

shin-ing mead - ow, nev - er reach its end. A

f

34

Few S and A

Ah

Choir

heart, which to me seems dis-tant as a star, to me... ...road. Mm

T B

star. A long *p* road. *pp*

rit. *p* *a tempo*

40

Few singers

1. 2. 3. 4.

Several singers play triangles and small tinklers/bells, rather rarely

Choir

Ah Mm

T B

p *mp* *pp*