

Absent Friends
(SATB a cappella)

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Absent Friends

**Absent friends –
Come raise your glasses high
To honor absent friends.**

**Absent friends –
Come fill your hearts with mem'ries
Fond of absent friends.**

**Absent friends –
Time's flood so quickly pulls us
Far away from absent friends.
We feel the weight of loss since
Parting from our absent friends.
God bless them all, our absent friends.
God care for all our absent friends.**

**Friends we laughed with,
Friends we grew with,
Friends whose hearts we knew.
Friends we thought with.
Friends we fought with.
Friends whose souls were true.
Friends who shared our joy and pain,
Each happy hope fulfilled.
Friends who lit each blessed day.
I see their faces still.**

Absent friends – (etc.)

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For my friends, the Silverado High School
Concert Choir, and for my esteemed friend,
their Conductor, Klark Black

♩ = 48, not too quickly

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Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, measures 1-3. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 48, not too quickly. The Soprano part begins with the lyrics "Ab - sent friends." in measure 1. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts enter in measure 2 with the lyrics "Come raise your glas - ses high to ho - nor ab - sent friends." in measure 3. Measure numbers 2 and 3 are indicated above the staves.

Soprano
Ab - sent friends.

Alto
Come raise your glas - ses high to ho - nor ab - sent friends.

Tenor
Come raise your glas - ses high to ho - nor ab - sent friends.

Bass
Come raise your glas - ses high to ho - nor ab - sent friends.

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, measures 4-7. The Soprano part continues with "Ab - sent friends." in measure 4. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts enter in measure 5 with the lyrics "Come fill your heart with mem - ries fond of ab - sent friends." in measure 6. The Soprano part has a final measure (measure 7) with the lyrics "Ab - sent friends_". Measure numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7 are indicated above the staves.

S
Ab - sent friends.

A
Come fill your heart with mem - ries fond of ab - sent friends. Ab - sent friends_

T
Come fill your heart with mem - ries fond of ab - sent friends.

B
Come fill your heart with mem - ries fond of ab - sent friends.

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8 9 10

S Ab - sent friends, ab - sent friends. —

A so swift - ly pulls us far a - way from ab - sent friends. — We feel the

T Time's flood so swift - ly pulls us far a - way from ab - sent friends. — We feel the

B Time's flood so swift - ly pulls us far a - way from ab - sent friends. — We feel the

11 12 13

S Ab - sent friends. Ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab-sent

A weight of loss since part-ing from our ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab-sent

T weight of loss since part-ing from our ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab-sent

B weight of loss since part-ing from our ab - sent friends. God bless them all, our ab-sent

14 15 16

S friends. God care for all our ab - sent friends.

A friends. God care for all our ab - sent friends.

T friends. — God care for all our ab - sent friends.

B friends. — God care for all our ab - sent friends.