

Ballad of the Four Chaplains

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Moderately

1 A♭ It was back in for - ty three, when the
 3 A♭ E♭ A♭ D♭
 sol - diers went to sea with a crew and com - pan -
 6 E♭ D♭ A♭ D♭
 y It was a dark and gloom - y night with no
 9 D♭ E♭ A♭
 U boats in sight, and the good ship
 12 A♭ D♭ A♭ E♭ A♭
 steamed on fear - less - ly Then a
 15 A♭ D♭ D♭
 shock and then a blast and a great ex - plo - sive
 18 A♭ E♭ A♭ D♭ A♭
 roar as the four Chap - lains prayed for a

21 E♭ D♭ E♭ D♭ E♭ A♭ E♭

safe home shore As the ship went

24 D♭ A♭ E♭ A♭ D♭ A♭

down with no more life vests found, these brave Chap - lains passed their

27 E♭ A♭ E♭7 A♭ Piu animato Chorus A♭ D♭

own vests a - round All hail these four brave

30 A♭ D♭ A♭ E♭

men of God! Oh Lord please bless the land they trod

33 D♭ A♭ D♭ A♭ E♭ Fm E7 E♭7 A♭

and bless the sea that took their lives, no more can an - y man give! —

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Four Chaplains on the Sea of Glory

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A musical score for piano in 4/4 time, key signature of B-flat major (two flats). The tempo is marked as "Haunting J = 60". The score consists of two staves. The upper staff shows a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and rests. The lower staff shows harmonic support with bass notes and chords. The harmonic progression includes Cm, Gm, Gm/F, and Cm. The dynamic marking "mf" (mezzo-forte) is present in the upper staff.

Hunting - Eerie

Dsus D Gm

mp

1. Through dark of night a ship sailed on the wa - ter, Nine
 (2. Then) qui - et - ly they walked a - moog the wound - ed, With -

Dsus D Gm

hun - dred men at war, so far from home,
out re - gard for col - or, race, or creed,

The i - cy sea from New - found - land to
 Speak - ing words of hope to those de -

Cmadd⁹ Cm Cm/B^b Dm Gm

Green - land,
spair - ing,

A bat - tle - field up - on the o - cean foam.
Hur - ry - ing to meet each hu - man need.

Bassoon

The dead - ly force... of en - e - my tor - pe does...
Their leg - a - cy... will live through - out the a - ges.

Bassoon

Gm/B^b Dsus D Gm

broke the eer - ie si - lence of the night,
Pro - tes - tants, one Cath' - lie, and a Jew,

And cha - os reigned... as blood re - vealed the
Who gave their all... while know - ing death a -

Cmadd⁹ Cm Cm/B^b Dm Gm

hor - ror,
wait - ed,

Some True men would live... but some would sure - ly die!

Four ho - ly men... who did what God would do.

Bassoon

42 Gm Gm/F Cm C^{dim}
 Chap - lains, men of dif - ferent faiths, — Men of hon - or, true and brave, — Gave life pre - serv - ing jack - ects to their


Dsus D Cm Gm Gm/F

men, And when there were no more to give. They willed that four more men would live, As

Cm Dm | ¹Gmsus Gm Gmsus Gm | ²Gmsus G
 will - ing - ly ____ they gave their own. 2. Then own,
Ava bassa *Ava bassa* *Ava bassa*

Gsus4 Gm Majestic - flowing Gm/F Gm/E♭ D


Gm Gm/F D/F⁷ Cm Cm/E⁷

Giv-ing all— that an-y man could give,
Not know-ing that the world would hear the

sto-ry—

Gm Gm/F Cm Dm Gm

Or how they died that oth-er men might live.
Four

Chap-lains with un-com-mon faith,

Softly, slowly, reverently

Gm/F Cm C⁷dim

Born to serve and born to save, Stood arm in arm up-on that sink-ing
ship.

Dsus D Cm⁷ D⁷ Gm

molto rit.

Dy-ing with a pray'r up-on their lips.

molto rit.

fississimo

42 Gm Gm/F Cm C[♯]dim
 Chap - ians, men of dif - Frent faiths, — Men of hon - or, true and brave, — Gave life pre - serv - ing jack - eis to their


Dsus D Cm Gm Gm/F

men, And when there were no more to give, They willed that four more men would live, As

Cin Dm | ¹Gm sus Gm Gm sus Gm | ²Gm sus G

 will - ing - ly ____ they gave their own.
 2. Then own.
divisi pause — *divisi pause* — *divisi pause* —

Grossus Gm Majestic – flowing Gm/F Gm/E^b D

In maj · es · ty__ they rode that sea of glo · ry,__

sva basta

simile