

A Gallant Farewell *(Remember The Columbia)*

Performance Notes

Show a powerpoint presentation behind the orchestra during the performance. There will not be any audio on the powerpoint, just photos to depict what is portrayed in the music. Have a speaker read the poem as the orchestra plays the corresponding measures. It is written in the score. Great opportunity to have students research the space mission, get pictures and make a powerpoint to depict the words as they are spoken with the orchestra playing certain measures.

The last powerpoint picture will disappear from the screen with a scattered or shattered effect and the stars will appear. Then the ending could have the last two lines of the poem read.

Measures 1 - 9 depicts the shuttle takeoff. M. 10 - 16 depicts the Earth diminishing from sight. M. 17 - 28 depicts the shuttle in orbit and the advanced violins will play the high turns that will depict the stars as seen from the shuttle. M. 29 - 41 depicts the shuttle rotating in orbit. M. 42 - 50 depicts the spacewalk. M. 51 - 63 depicts the weightless astronauts in orbit M. 64 - 72 depicts the visit to the space station. M. 73 - 80 depicts the shuttle heading home M. 81 - 89 depicts the earth in view and the shuttle beginning to reach earth's atmosphere. M- 90 - the end depicts the astronauts becoming the stars.

Have the instruments hold the position still on the last note and the resonance will keep going.