

THE ISLANDER

ALAN REID

OH FATHER OF MINE YOU NEVER TOLD ME
HOW THINGS WOULD BE WHEN I WAS A MAN
NO PROMISE OR PLAN WAS GOING TO HOLD ME
FROM LEAVING THE ISLAND I LOVED AS A BOY
I LOVE AS A MAN

THE CITY WILL TAKE THOSE WHO ANSWER HER CALL
SHE SWALLOWS AND LEAVES THEM TO STAND OR TO FALL
THE ISLAND FORGIVES THOSE WHO LEAVE HER BEHIND
SHE'LL NEVER DEPART FROM THEIR HEARTS OR THEIR MINDS

OH FATHER OF MINE THE FERRY AWAITS ME
A BLOW OF THE HORN AND SHE'S READY TO GO
AND THE GIRL THAT I LOVE IS WAITING TO GREET ME
I'M LEAVING THE ISLAND I LOVED AS A BOY
I LOVE AS A MAN

THE CITY IS RESTLESS, SHE'S FEARLESS AND FAST
SHE ROARS IN THE DAYTIME, SHE CRIES IN THE DARK
AND SOMETIMES YOU WAKE IN THE RUMBLE OF DAWN
AND LONG FOR THE SILENCE AND STILLNESS OF HOME

OH FATHER OF MINE I SEE YOU ARE OLD NOW
NO LONGER THE STRONG ONE I KNEW AS A BOY
THE ROPE IS NOW WORN THAT BOUND US TOGETHER
I'M LEAVING THE ISLAND I LOVED AS A BOY
HOME TO THE GIRL THAT I LOVE AS A MAN
HOME TO THE GIRL THAT I LOVE AS A MAN