

WHERE THE SOUL OF MAN NEVER DIES

Gospel Song by W. M. Golden; **DATE:** 1914; **CATEGORY:** Early Gospel Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Blue Sky Boys-1936; Arthur Smith- 1938; Wry Straw; Harry and Jeanie West; Ricky Skaggs and Tony Rice; **OTHER NAMES:** Where the Soul Never Dies; To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way; **NOTES:** W. M. Golden, author of Where The Soul of Man Never Dies, was born January 28, 1878 and died and was buried in Spring Valley Cemetery, Webster County, Mississippi on May 13, 1934. This is one of the more difficult gospel duets to sing.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music. The first four systems are for a vocal line with guitar chords (G and D) indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "To Can-aan's land I'm on my way where the soul of man ne ver dies My dark est night will turn to day where the soul of man ne-ver dies No sad fare wells no tear dimmed eyes where all is love and the soul ne-ver dies". The fifth system is labeled "Tenor" and has the lyrics: "Dear friends there'll be no sad fare - wells there'll be no tear dimmed eyes". The sixth system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "where all is peace and joy and love and the soul of man ne-ver dies.".

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G To Canaan's land I'm on my way, **D** Where the soul of man never dies;
G My darkest night will turn to day, **D** Where the soul of man never dies.

Refrain: Dear friends, there'll be no sad farewells, There'll be no tear dimmed eyes,
Where all is peace and joy and love, And the soul of man never dies.

A rose is blooming there for me, Where the soul of man never dies;
And I will spend eternity, Where the soul of man never dies. *Refrain*

My life will end in deathless sleep, Where the soul of man never dies;
And everlasting joys I'll reap, Where the soul of man never dies. *Refrain*

I'm on my way to that fair land, Where the soul of man never dies;
Where there will be no parting hand, Where the soul of man never dies. *Refrain*