

# Ruth

for choir SSATB with semi-chorus  
written for the marriage of Ruth Pepper to Paul Ayres, February 2001

Paul Ayres

## Larghetto

*m sempre espressivo e legato*

S1  
S2  
A  
T  
B

SEMICHORUS

And Ruth said, and Ruth said, and Ruth

## Larghetto

S1  
S2  
A  
T  
B

MAJIN CHORUS

And Ruth said, I will go wherever you go and live wherever you live.  
Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.  
I will die where you die and will be buried there. (Ruth 1, 16-17)  
There are three things that amaze me - no, four things I  
do not understand: how an eagle glides through the sky,  
how a snake slithers on a rock, how a ship navigates the ocean,  
how a man loves a woman. (Proverbs 30, 18-19)  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too great for me to know! (Psalms 139, 6)

*mp*

4 said, and

*mp*

said, and

*mp*

said, and

*mp sempre espressivo e legato*

8 4 I will go and

*mp sempre espressivo e legato*

*mp sempre espressivo e legato*

4 I will go wher - e - ver you go and

*mp sempre espressivo e legato*

I will go wher - e - ver you go and

*mp sempre espressivo e legato*

I will go where you go and

*mp sempre espressivo e legato*

8 4 I will go wher - e - ver you go and

*mp sempre espressivo e legato*

I will go and

SEMI-CHORUS sing with MAIN CHOIR

*crescendo*  
7 live wher - e - ver you live. Your peo - ple will be  
*crescendo*  
live wher - e - ver you live. Your peo - ple will be  
*crescendo*  
live wher - e - ver you live. Your peo - ple, my  
*crescendo*  
7 live wher - e - ver you live. Your peo - ple will be  
*crescendo*  
live wher - e - ver you live. Your peo - ple will be

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*poco f* *non dim.*  
10 my peo - ple, and your God will be my God.  
*poco f* *non dim.*  
my peo - ple, and your God will be my God.  
*poco f* *non dim.*  
peo - ple, and your God will be my God.  
*poco f* *non dim.*  
8 my peo - ple and your God will be my God.  
*poco f* *non dim.*  
10 my peo - ple and your 3 God will be my God.



*p* *mp*

16 There are three things that a - maze me, no,

*p* *mp*

There are three things that a - maze me, no,

*p* *mp*

There are three things that a - maze me, no,

*p* *mp*

8 16 There are three things that a - maze me, no,

*p* *mp*

There are three things that a - maze me, no,

*p*

16 there.

*p*

there.

*p*

there.

*p*

8 16 there.

*p*

there.

there.

