

Safe Home (6.6.6.6.8.8.)

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The image shows a piano accompaniment for the hymn 'Safe Home'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system has a common time signature (C). The second system has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The third system begins with a forte dynamic marking (*f*) and ends with a ritardando marking (*rit.*) and the lyrics 'A - men.' written below the notes.

- 1** Safe home, safe home in port!
Rent cordage, shattered deck,
Torn sails, provision short,
And only not a wreck;
But O the joy upon the shore
To tell the voyage-perils o'er!
- 2** The prize, the prize secure!
The athlete nearly fell;
Bare all he could endure,
And bare not always well:
But he may smile at troubles gone
Who sets the victor-garland on.
- 3** No more the foe can harm:
No more the leaguered camp,
And cry of night alarm,
And need of ready lamp:
And yet how nearly he had failed,
How nearly had that foe prevailed!

4 The exile is at home:
O nights and days of tears!
O longings not to roam!
Of sins, and doubts, and fears!
What matters now grief's darkest day?
The King has wiped those tears away. Amen.

Joseph the Hymnographer, 9th cent.;
free tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818 - 66.