

THE SONG THAT WAS BROADCAST FROM TOKYO !

Elmer McKnight I'll never say *Grieve #800* *Goodbye Again*

words and music by
Private ELMER MCKNIGHT
Canadian Prisoner in Japan

Verse by
Victor Gordon
and
Freddy Grant

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The Story of the Song

by Claire Wallace

Broadcaster of Canada's popular radio feature, "They Tell Me"

THE story behind the story of this fine song, "I'll Never Say Goodbye Again" is one of the most exciting and inspiring stories I've ever told on "They Tell Me".

Its composer is one of Canada's brave young soldiers, Private El-

mer McKnight of Valour Road, Winnipeg. Elmer, with his twin brother Gerald and still another brother Melville, are all prisoners of war in Camp Tokyo, Japan. They enlisted together and went overseas as members of the Winnipeg Grenadiers. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Garner W. McKnight.

From the time they were youngsters, the McKnight boys, Elmer, twin Gerald and brother Melville, showed musical talent; and Elmer had a flair for composition. They had their own little band in Winnipeg and their cheerful tunes were sadly missed when the boys marched off to war.

When Hong Kong fell, the McKnight boys of Winnipeg, with other Canadians, were taken prisoners of war.

But you can't keep a good Canuck down!

One night, recently, a Japanese propaganda broadcast came over the airwaves to this continent from Radio Tokyo. And who should turn up on it, but Elmer McKnight of Winnipeg and his Band! The announcer said in English that a band from the prison camp would play a new song, composed by one of the prisoners-of-war, Elmer McKnight, and "would the Canadian Government please copyright". That song was this one—"I'll Never Say Goodbye Again". It was played by a small band composed of Elmer, Gerald and Melville McKnight, Johnny Matheson, Douglas Morrison and Bill Robertson, also of Winnipeg, and a Chicago lad, Johnny St. Clair. It had that "certain something" a song should have!

For her own information, Canada records all these Japanese broadcasts, and Canadian

officials lost no time in protecting Elmer's rights to his song. Capt. Robert Farnon, noted Canadian musician and conductor, of the Army Show, did the transcribing.

Then, Gordon V. Thompson, Canadian music publisher, was drawn into the picture, and that was a lucky break for Elmer too.

Elmer's song only had a chorus, as it was broadcast from that Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. It needed a verse to complete it and make the song full-length for publishing. There were also odd words that couldn't be understood, as the song was picked up from the broadcast. Well, "Victor Gordon" (they tell me that is Gordon V. Thompson hiding his light under a nom de plume) and Freddy Grant provided the missing words and the verse that was lacking. And so "I'll Never Say Goodbye Again" was put in form for publication.

It isn't an ordinary song, but courageous, hopeful words written by a lonely Canadian lad in a prisoner-of-war camp. He might be your son, he might be my son, but he is typical of Canadians who have gone off to war to help bring peace to the world again and who, when they are down, sing a song to cheer themselves and others too.

But this song would never have been published if so many other Canadians hadn't lent a helping hand and given generously of their time and talents. That means that all Royalties from this song will go right to Elmer into a trust fund, under his Dad's care. There will be a nice little nest-egg waiting for Private Elmer McKnight when he and his brothers come marching home—to their home on Valour Road.

It is an interesting coincidence that the McKnights live on Valour Road. That Winnipeg street was named "Valour" because so many men enlisted from it during the last war, three of them winning the Victoria Cross.

The McKnight boys, enlisting three strong and now prisoners of war, are living up to the street's traditional heroism.

And that they may soon be walking down that street again is the hope of all who sing Elmer's splendid song, "I'll Never Say Goodbye Again".

I'll Never Say 'Good-bye' Again

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Words and Music of verse by
Victor Gordon & Freddy Grant.

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Private ELMER M^cKNIGHT

Slowly

The musical score is written for piano and voice. The piano part is in the left hand, and the voice part is in the right hand. The tempo is marked 'Slowly'. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes guitar chords for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'A pris - 'ner of war in To - ky - o, Far a - way from his folks so dear, Wrote a song to be sung o - ver the a - di - an gren - a - dier ra - di - o To his loved ones o - ver here:'. The score ends with a 'rall.' marking.

VOICE
ad lib.
con la voce

Guitar Chords: C, Dmi7, G7, F, C, E7, Ami, Cmi, G, Ami7, D7, Dmi7, Gdim, G9.

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way from his folks so dear, Wrote a song to be sung o - ver the
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CHORUS

a tempo *mp-mf*

"I'LL NEV-ER SAY 'GOOD-BYE' A-GAIN, I'll nev-er make you cry a - gain, I'LL

NEV-ER SAY 'GOOD-BYE' A-GAIN to you. _____ Though we're a-part, you're

in my heart, Fond mem - o - ries come back to me of hap - py hours that

yes - ter-day we knew. _____ At the end of each day in my

Chord Diagrams:

- G7 aug.
- C
- A9
- Dmi7
- G7
- C
- D7
- G7 aug.
- C
- A9
- Dm9
- G7
- G7 aug.
- C
- Ami7
- Dmi7
- G7 aug.
- C
- A9
- Dmi7
- G7
- C
- D7
- G7 aug.
- C
- A9
- Dmi7
- G7
- C9
- Cdim
- C9
- F
- Fmi

C Cdim C Ami Ddim Ami7 D7 F7 D7 Ami7 Cdim

dreams I drift a - way To the har-bour where my dreams will all come

G7 Gdim G7 G7aug C A9 Dmi7 G7

true. ————— And when the clouds roll by a - gain, With

C D7 G7aug C A9 Dmi7 G7 G7aug

rain-bows in the sky a - gain, I'LL NEV - ER SAY 'GOOD - BYE' A-GAIN to

1. C Ami7 Dmi7 G7aug 2. C Ami7 Dmi7 Db7 C

you. ————— I'LL ————— you."

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