

AVALON FAREWELL

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Based on the ballad Merlin sings in *The Great Tree of Avalon: The Eternal Flame*, which is Book 11 in *The Merlin Saga* by T. A. Barron (and also the third book of *The Great Tree of Avalon* trilogy). This ballad appears in Chapter 36 in the paperback and hardback USA editions.

VERSE 1

^G ^D
To Avalon now cry farewell,
^G ^D
Thy mem'ries only taking;
^C ^G
So many seasons did thee dwell,
^{Am} ^D
In wondrous realms forsaking.

CHORUS

^G ^C
Return one day! Thy dearest goal
^G ^D
Keep firm beyond all shaking.
^G ^C
For mist shall ever stir thy soul,
^D ^G
A distant music making.

VERSE 2

^G ^C
Remember each the sacred realms
^G ^D
Though images glow dimmer;
^G ^C
And steer thy course with homeward helm
^G ^D ^G
Ere time alive grows slimmer:
^C ^G
The Land of Bells shall chime thy loss,
^C ^G
As lofty summits shimmer;
^C ^G
El Urien, so green with moss,
^{Am} ^D
Shall thrive as dreams still glimmer.

CHORUS

^G ^C ^G
Though destined far away to roam,
^G ^D
Forever shall thee yearn
^G ^C
To find again thy heart's true home:
^D ^{Am}
To Avalon return.
^D ^G
To Avalon return.

VERSE 3

^G ^C
The Rainbow Seas of liquid light
^G ^D
With beauty shall entrance;
^G ^C
While flames atop Volcanoes bright
^G ^D ^G
Shall forever prance;
^C ^G
'The fertile Mud shall haunt thee most,
^C ^G
For that gives life a chance;
^C ^G
And Y Swylarna's mist shall host
^{Am} ^D
The maids' eternal dance.

CHORUS

^G ^C ^G
Though destined far away to roam,
^G ^D
Forever shall thee yearn
^G ^C
To find again thy heart's true home:
^D ^{Am}
To Avalon return.
^D ^G
To Avalon return.

VERSE 4

Then lovely dark shall welcome thee G C
G D
 In Shadows' endless night.
G C
 The higher realms of Merlin's Tree
G D G
 Gain wonder with their height:
C G
 Their spiral falls and secret stairs
C G
 Shall climb beyond thy fright,
C G
 And stars on high shall ever shine
Am D
 To guide thee with their light.

CHORUS

G C G
 Though destined far away to roam,
G D
 Forever shall thee yearn
G C
 To find again thy heart's true home:
D Am
 To Avalon return.
D G
 To Avalon return.

VERSE 5

G D
 To Avalon now say farewell,
G D
 As fires of mem'ry burn;
C G
 So many seasons did thee dwell
Am D
 Where wonders ever turn.

CHORUS (EXTENDED)

G C G
 Though destined far away to roam,
G D
 Forever shall thee yearn
G C
 To find again thy heart's true home:
D Am
 To Avalon return.
D G
 To Avalon return.
G C G
 Though destined far away to roam,
G D
 Forever shall thee yearn
G C
 To find again thy heart's true home:
D G
 To Avalon return.