

# **Hello – Goodbye**

*Twee vierstemmige liederen voor gemengd koor over komen en gaan  
voor Kamerkoor Amphion*

## **Part I**

### **Hello babies**

(tekst Kurt Vonnegut, uit: *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater* – 1965)

Hello babies.

Welcome to Earth.

It's hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

It's round and wet and crowded.

At the outside, babies, you've got a hundred years here.

There's only one rule that I know of, babies –

God damn it, you've got to be kind.

## **Part II**

### **Famous last words**

(tekst Elisabeth Eybers, uit: *Tydverdryf / Pastime* – 1996)

Last words usually can't be relied

on to sound somehow famous; indeed it is true

that I've recently felt quite erratic

and oftener than not in two minds what to do

in the ebb and flow of moods which implied

no visible hint of the vatic.

The last thing I said to myself when I died

was: don't be so melodramatic.