

prelude to *Dolly Dear Take Us Home*
(optional ad lib spoken intro with musical excerpt)

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Male voice: Ok, ready? 'Almost heaven, Dolly Parton'

Female voice: wait — what's that!

Music from bern's SSB from 2:45 to 2:57

2nd Male voice [bern?]:
I am Archangel Gabriel.
God has heard so many lamenting the loss of one loved by so many because her time
had come...
So I am allowed to deliver this update. Take it kid.

Dolly:
Hi everyone.
This is Dolly – or more accurately what you imagine Dolly Parton sounds like.
I only have a moment, but want you to know I got in on the first try!
I can't say what heaven is like, because there is no comparable human point of
reference one can relate to. It's like the Good Book says: "eye has not seen, ear has
not heard". I can say it is a better place than earth on its best day, which is not too
shabby.
Thanks for all your prayers.
Remember to continue to pray.
And don't forget as we are instructed, to 'love one another'.

Well I must go now. I hope to see most of you again.
God bless. Bye for now.

Male voice: ok, from the top...

{segues into *Now in heaven, Dolly Parton...*}