

A psalm of life

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andante con moto —84

Soprano *p* Tell me not, in mourn-ful num-bers, Life is but an em - pty dream! For the *cresc.*

Alto *p* Tell me not, in mourn-ful num-bers, Life is but an em-pthy dream! For the *cresc.*

Tenor *p* Tell me not, in mourn-ful num-bers, Life is but an em-pthy dream! For the *cresc.*

Bass *p* Tell me not, in mourn-ful num-bers, Life is but an em-pty dream! For the *cresc.*

andante con moto

Accomp. *p* *cresc.*

5 soul is dead that slum-bers, And things are not what they *f* seem, And things are not what *p* they *dim.*

A soul is dead that slum-bers, And things are not what they *f* seem, — And things are not what *p* they *dim.*

T soul is dead that slum-bers, And things are not what they *f* seem, — And things are not what *p* they *dim.*

B soul is dead that slum-bers, And things are not what they *f* seem, — And things are not what *p* they *dim.*

f *dim.* *p*

Soprano (S): seem. ***f*** Life is re - al! Life is ear-nest! And the grave is not its goal; ***f*** Dust thou

Alto (A): seem. ***f*** Life is re - al! Life is ear-nest! And the grave is not its goal; ***f*** Dust thou

Tenor (T): seem. ***f*** Life is re - al! Life is ear-nest! And the grave is not its goal; ***f*** Dust thou

Bass (B): seem. ***f*** Life is re - al! Life is ear-nest! And the grave is not its goal; ***f*** Dust thou

Piano: The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff contains bass notes and chords, with dynamic markings ***f***, ***f***, and ***f***. The bottom staff contains bass notes and chords, also with dynamic markings ***f***.

S

dim.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

20

A

dim.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

T

dim.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

B

dim.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

15

S

art, to dust re - turn-est, **p** Was not spo-ken of the soul, **f** Was not spo-ken of the **p** soul.

A

art, to dust re - turn-est, **p** Was not spo-ken of the soul, **f** Was not spo-ken of the **p** soul.

T

art, to dust re - turn-est, **p** Was not spo-ken of the soul, **f** Was not spo-ken of the **p** soul.

B

art, to dust re - turn-est, **p** Was not spo-ken of the soul, **f** Was not spo-ken of the **p** soul.

p

cresc.

f rit.

dim.

p

dim.

cresc.

f rit.

dim.

p

a tempo

S *p* Not en - joy-ment and not sor-row Is our des-tined end or way; But to act that each to - 25

A *cresc.* *p* Not en - joy-ment and not sor-row Is our des-tined end or way; But to act that each to -

T *cresc.* 8 *p* Not en - joy-ment and not sor-row Is our des-tined end or way; But to act that each to -

B *cresc.* *p* Not en - joy-ment and not sor-row Is our des-tined end or way; But to act that each to -

p *cresc.*

S mor-row Finds us far-ther than to- *f*day, Finds us far-ther *p* than to - day; *mf* Art is 30

A mor-row Finds us far-ther than to- *f*day, *dim.* Finds us far-ther *p* than to - day; *mf* Art is

T 8 mor-row Finds us far-ther than to- *f*day, *dim.* Finds us far-ther *p* than to - day; *mf* Art is

B mor-row Finds us far-ther than to- *f*day, *dim.* Finds us far-ther *p* than to - day; *mf* Art is

f *dim.* *p* *mf* *mf*

S

A

T

B

35

long, and Time is fleet-ing, And our hearts, though stout and brave, **p** Still like muf-fled drums are

cresc.

dim.

long, and Time is fleet-ing, And our hearts, though stout and brave, **p** Still like muf-fled drums are

cresc.

dim.

8 long, and Time is fleet-ing, And our hearts, though stout and brave, **p** Still like muf-fled drums are

cresc.

dim.

long, and Time is fleet-ing, And our hearts, though stout and brave, **p** Still like muf-fled drums are

cresc.

dim.

p

p

S

A

T

B

40

beat-ing Fune-ral mar-ches to the grave, **f** Fune-ral mar-ches to the **p** grave.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

beat-ing Fune-ral mar-ches to the grave, **f** Fune-ral mar-ches to the **p** grave.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

beat-ing Fune-ral mar-ches to the grave, **f** Fune-ral mar-ches to the **p** grave.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

beat-ing Fune-ral mar-ches to the grave, **f** Fune-ral mar-ches to the **p** grave.

cresc.

rit.

dim.

p