

# The life of man is but a span

Anon, from a Birmingham broadsheet

Gordon, by Francis Roads (b. 1943)

Verses 1-4 **Slow** ♩=90

1. The life of man is but a span, And  
 2. *O teach well your chil - dren men The*  
 3. To - day you may be a li - ving man, With  
 4. *With a turf at your head, dear man, And a -*

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cut down in his flow'r, We're here to - day and  
*while that you are here, It will be bet - ter*  
 ma - ny a thou - sand pound, To - mor - row you may  
 no - ther at your feet, Your good deeds and

Parallel fifths intentional and stylistic.

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S  
gone to - mor-row, We're all dead in an hour.  
for your souls, When your corpse lies on the bier.  
be a dead man, And your corpse laid un - der - ground.  
your bad ones, Then will to - ge - ther meet.

A  
gone to - mor-row, We're all dead in an hour.  
for your souls, When your corpse lies on the bier.  
be a dead man, And your corpse laid un - der - ground.  
your bad ones, Then will to - ge - ther meet.

T  
gone to - mor-row, We're all dead in an hour.  
for your souls, When your corpse lies on the bier.  
be a dead man, And your corpse laid un - der - ground.  
your bad ones, Then will to - ge - ther meet.

B  
gone to - mor-row, We're all dead in an hour.  
for your souls, When your corpse lies on the bier.  
be a dead man, And your corpse laid un - der - ground.  
your bad ones, Then will to - ge - ther meet.

14 **CHORUS**

S  
A - wake, A - wake, A - wake good peo-ple all, A - wake, good peo-ple all, A -

A  
A - wake, A - wake, A - wake good peo-ple all, A - wake, good peo-ple

T  
A - wake, A - wake, A - wake good peo-ple all, A - wake, good peo-ple all, A -

B  
A - wake, A - wake, A - wake good peo-ple all, A - wake, good peo-ple

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S  
wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died on the cross, For them he loved so

A  
all, A - wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died on the cross, For

T  
wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died on the cross, For them he loved so

B  
all, A - wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died on the cross, For

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S dear, For them he loved so dear, For them, For them he loved so dear.

A them he loved so dear, For them he loved, For them, For them he loved so dear.

T dear, For them he loved so dear, For them, For them he loved so dear.

B them he loved so dear, For them he loved, For them, For them he loved so dear.

35 Symphony

S

A

T

B

FINE

39 Verse 5 41

S 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no long - er here,

A 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no long - er here,

T 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no long - er here,

B 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no long - er here,

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S God bless you all both great and small, And send you a hap - py New Year.

A God bless you all both great and small And send you a hap - py New Year.

T God bless you all both great and small, And send you a hap - py New Year.

B God bless you all both great and small, And send you a hap - py New Year.

God bless you all both great and small, And send you a hap - py New Year. **§**  
TO CHORUS