

The life of man is but a span

Anon, from a Birmingham broadsheet

Francis Roads (b. 1943)

Verses 1-4 **Slow** $\text{♩} = 90$

Soprano

1. The life of man is but a span, And cut down
 2. O teach well your children The while that
 3. To day you may be a living man, With ma ny a
 4. With a turf at your head, dear man, And a no ther

Alto

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Tenor [Air]

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Bass

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Keyboard

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S

in his flow'r, We're here to day and gone to -
 you are here, It will be bet - ter for your -
 thou sand pound, To mor - row you may be a
 at your feet, Your good deeds and your bad

A

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Kbd.

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11

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

A
mor - row, We're all dead in an hour.
souls, When your corpse lies on the bier.
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Kbd.

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CHORUS

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

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

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

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

Kbd.

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S all, A - wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died

A wake, good peo-ple all, A - wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died

T all, A - wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died

B wake, good peo-ple all, A - wake, and you shall hear, Our Lord our God died

Kbd.

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S on the cross, For them he loved so dear, For them he loved so dear, For them, For

A on the cross, For them he loved so dear, For them he loved, For them, For

T on the cross, For them he loved so dear, For them he loved so dear, For them, For

B on the cross, For them he loved so dear, For them he loved, For them, For

Kbd.

33

S them he loved so dear.

A them he loved so dear.

T them he loved so dear.

B them he loved so dear.

Kbd.

Symphony

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39 Verse 5

S 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can

A 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can

T 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can

B 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can

Kbd. FINE 5. My song is done, I must be gone, I can

44

S stay no long - er here, God bless you all both

A stay no long - er here, God bless you all both

T stay no long - er here, God bless you all both

B stay no long - er here, God bless you all both

Kbd.

50

S great and small, And send you a hap - py New Year.

A great and small And send you a hap - py New Year.

T great and small, And send you a hap - py New Year.

B great and small, And send you a hap - py New Year.

Kbd. TO CHORUS