

The life of man is but a span

Anon, from a Birmingham broadsheet

Gordon, by Francis Roads (b. 1943)

Slow $\text{♩} = 90$ Verses 1-4

Soprano [Air]

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

Alto

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

Tenor

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

Bass

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

6

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

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*

T

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*

B

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*

The life of man is but a span

11

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

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

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

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

21

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

The text of this carol was given to me by Gordon Ashman, the co-founder of the West Gallery Music Association, with a request that I should set it.

The life of man is but a span

29

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

S

A

T

B

FINE

40 Verse 5

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,

48

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. 2'31.3"

TO CHORUS