

Vocal Score

Dreams and Realities

3. Psalm of Life

"A Psalm of Life" by
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

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Piano introduction, measures 1-4. The music is in 6/8 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The right hand plays chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

Piano introduction, measures 5-8. This section continues the piano introduction with similar harmonic and rhythmic patterns as the first system.

A

S
T
B

f

Tell me not, in mourn - ful num - bers, Life is but an emp - ty dream! —

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Vocal score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The lyrics are: "Tell me not, in mourn - ful num - bers, Life is but an emp - ty dream! —". The music is in 6/8 time with a key signature of two flats. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present at the beginning of the vocal lines.

Piano accompaniment, measures 9-12. This section provides harmonic support for the vocal lines, featuring chords and moving lines in both hands. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present.

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S For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem.

A For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem.

T For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem.

B For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem.

17 **B**

S Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal;

A Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal;

T Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal;

B Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal;

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C

S Dust thou art, to dust re-turn - est, Was not spo-ken of the soul.

A Dust thou art, to dust re-turn - est, Was not spo-ken of the soul.

T Dust thou art, to dust re-turn - est, Was not spo-ken of the soul.

B Dust thou art, to dust re-turn - est, Was not spo-ken of the soul.