

# A Psalm of Life

(SATB)

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**Thoughtfully** ♩ = 69 (TB) *mf*

Tell me not, in mourn-ful num - bers, life is but an emp-ty

7 *mf*

Life is real! Oh! Life is

dream! For the soul is dead that slum-bers, and things are not what they seem.

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earn - est! And the grave is not the goal;— Dust thou art, to dust re - turn - est, was not spo - ken of the

19 *f* *mf*

soul. Not en-joy - ment, and not sor - row, is our des - tined end or way; But to act, that each to-

25

mor - row finds us far - ther than to - day.

*f* *mf* *mp*

*molto rit.*

32 *Slightly slower than a Tempo I* *mp*

Art is long, and Time is fleet - ing, And our

*mp*

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38 *rit.* *a tempo* *mf*

hearts, though stout and brave, Still, like muff - led drums, are beat-ing fune-ral march-es to the grave. In the

*rit.* *a tempo*

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44 (biv-oo-wac or biv--wac)

world's broad field of bat - tle, In the biv - ou - ac of Life, Be not like dumb driv-en

*mp*

In the world. In the world. In the world. In the world. In the world.

49 *f*

cat - tle! Be a he - ro in the strife! Trust no Fu - ture, how-e'er pleas-ant! Let the Past bur - y it's

*mf*

In the world be a he ro in the, in the strife!

*f*

55 *molto rit.* *mf* *Sweetly* *a tempo* *ff*

dead. Act now in the liv-ing Pre-sent! Heart with - in, and God o'er head! Lives of great men all re-

61 *f* *mf*

mind us We can make our lives sub-lime, And de-part - ing, leave be hind us foot-prints on the sands of

(Alto melody) (STB on "Ooo")

67 *mf* *mp*

time. Foot-prints, that per-haps an - oth-er, sail - ing o'er life's sol-emn main, a for  
Ooo Ooo Ooo

(All on words)

72

lorn and ship-wrecked bro-ther, see-ing, shall take heart a - gain. Let us, then, be up and  
Ooo

77

do - ing, with a heart for an - y fate; Still a - chiev - ing, still pur - su - ing, learn to

82

la - bor and to wait. Learn to la - bor and to wait.