

5. Is life a boon?

Fairfax

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Flute

Clarinet in B \flat

Bassoon 1,2

Fairfax

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Contrabass

1. Is life a boon? If so, it must be - fall That Death when'er he



B \flat Cl.

Bsn. 1,2

Fair.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

call, Must call too soon. Though four - score years he give, Yet one would pray to live — An - oth - er moon! What

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19 *un poco rit.* *a tempo*
Fl. *p*
B♭ Cl.
Bsn. 1,2 *pp*
Fair. *un poco rit.* *a tempo*
kind ofplaint have I, Who per - ish in Ju - ly, Who per - ish in Ju - ly? I might havhad to die, Per-chance in
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

28 *a2*
Fl. *f*
B♭ Cl. *f*
Bsn. 1,2
Fair. *p*
June! I might havehad to die, Per-chance, in June!
Vln. I *cresc.* *p* *f* *p*
Vln. II *cresc.* *p* *f* *p*
Vla. *cresc.* *p* *f* *p*
Vc. *cresc.* *p* *f* *p*
Cb. *cresc.* *p* *f* *p*

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B♭ Cl.

Bsn. 1,2

Fair.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

p

2. Is life a thorn? Then count it not a whit! Nay, count it not a whit! Man is well done with it; Soon as he's



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B♭ Cl.

Bsn. 1,2

Fair.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

born He should all means es - say To put the plague a - way; And I, war - worn, Poor

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53 *rall. un poco* *a tempo*

Fl. *p*

B♭ Cl.

Bsn. 1,2 *pp*

Fair. *rall. un poco* *a tempo*

cap - tured fu - gi - tive, My life most glad - ly give - I might have had to live an - oth - er morn! I

Vln. I *cresc.*

Vln. II *cresc.*

Vla. *cresc.*

Vc. *cresc.*

Cb. *cresc.*

61 *a2*

Fl. *f* *tr*

B♭ Cl. *f* *tr*

Bsn. 1,2

Fair. *a2*

might have had to live, to live an - oth - er morn!

Vln. I *colla voce* *p* *f* *tr*

Vln. II *colla voce* *p* *f*

Vla. *colla voce* *p* *f*

Vc. *colla voce* *p* *f*

Cb. *colla voce* *p* *f*