

# London Gallery Quire 444

From a Birmingham broadsheet

The life of man is but a span

Francis Roads (b. 1943)

Verses 1-4 **Slow**  $\text{♩} = 90$

Soprano

1. The life of man is but a span, And  
 2. O teach well your chil - dren men The  
 3. To - day you may be a li - ving man, With  
 4. With a turf at your head, dear man, And a -

Alto

Tenor [Air]

Bass

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S

cut down in his flow'r, We're here to - day and  
 while that you are here, It will be bet - ter  
 ma - ny'a thou - sand pound, To - mor - row you may  
 no - ther at your feet, Your good deeds and your

A

T

B

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 while that you are here, It will be bet - ter  
 ma - ny'a thou - sand pound, To - mor - row you may  
 no - ther at your feet, Your good deeds and your

10

S

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

A

T

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14 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 -

20 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

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

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

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

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

31 dear, For them, For them he loved so dear.

A them he loved, For them, For them he loved so dear.

T dear, For them, For them he loved so dear.

B them he loved, For them, For them he loved so dear.

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35 Symphony ad lib. Fine

S  
A  
T  
B

39 Verse 5

S  
A  
T  
B

My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no  
My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no  
My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no  
My song is done, I must be gone, I can stay no

45

S  
A  
T  
B

long - er here, God bless you all both great and  
long - er here, God bless you all both great and  
long - er here, God bless you all both great and  
long - er here, God bless you all both great and

50 D.S. al Fine

S  
A  
T  
B

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

TO CHORUS