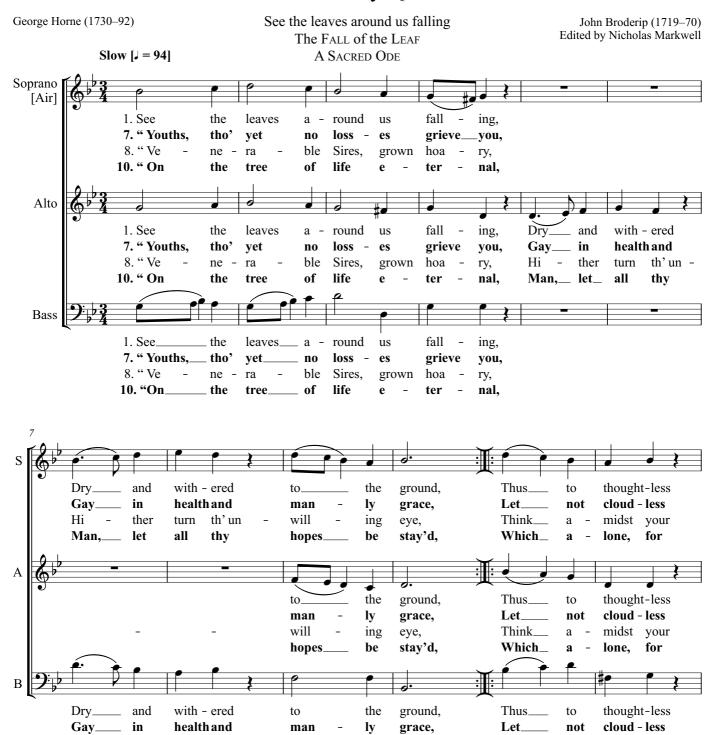
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George Horne's hymn was first published in *The Christian's Magazine* in June 1760, where it was set to an anonymous musical setting for Air and Bass. It next appeared in John Broderip's *Psalms*, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1769, where it was set to the tune given here. The text as set by Broderip's printer is clearly faulty, with numerous grammatical errors and in some stanzas, a few rather amusing misprints (e.g. stanza 7 begins 'Youth's tho' yet no Lasses grieve you'); accordingly the text from *The Christian's Magazine* is used here.

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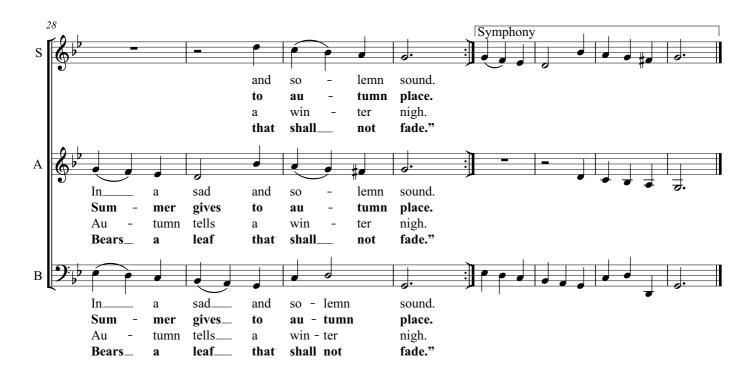
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Both upper parts in this setting use G clefs, which imply that both parts are for Soprano voices. This is borne out by the fact that other pieces in this collection which are in four parts use alto and tenor C clefs as appropriate.





1

See the leaves around us falling, Dry and withered to the ground, Thus to thoughtless mortals calling, In a sad and solemn sound.

2

"Sons of Adam, once in Eden When like us, he blighted fell, Hear the lecture we are reading, 'Tis alas! the truth we tell.

3

"Virgins much, too much presuming On your boasted white and red, View us late in beauty blooming, Number'd now among the dead.

4

"Griping misers nightly waking, See the end of all your care, Fled on wings of our own making, We have left our owners bare.

5

"Sons of honour, fed on praises, Fluttering high in fancy'd worth, Lo! the fickle air that raises, Brings us down to parent earth. 6

"Learned Sophs, in systems jaded, Who for new ones daily call; Cease at length, by us persuaded, Every leaf must have its fall.

7

"Youths, tho' yet no losses grieve you, Gay in health and manly grace, Let not cloudless skies deceive you, Summer gives to autumn place.

8

"Venerable Sires, grown hoary, Hither turn th' unwilling eye, Think amidst your falling glory, Autumn tells a winter nigh.

9

"Yearly in our course returning, Messengers of shortest stay, Thus we preach this truth concerning, Heaven and earth shall pass away.

10

"On the tree of life eternal, Man, let all thy hopes be stay'd, Which alone, for ever vernal, Bears a leaf that shall not fade."