

In the midst of life

Henry Purcell
(1659-95)

Verse

5

S In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we

A

T In the

B In the midst of life we are in

Detailed description: This system contains the first five measures of the piece. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a basso continuo line. The Soprano part begins with a melodic line starting on G4. The lyrics are: 'In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we'. Measure 5 is marked with a box containing the number '5'. The Alto and Tenor parts are mostly rests, with the Alto starting to sing 'In the' in measure 5. The Bass part has a melodic line starting on G2. The basso continuo line provides a harmonic accompaniment.

10

S seek for suc-cour, but of thee, O Lord, In the midst of life

A midst of life we are in death: of whom

T In the midst of life we

B death: of whom may we seek for suc-cour,

4 3
6 5

Detailed description: This system contains measures 6-10. The Soprano part continues with 'seek for suc-cour, but of thee, O Lord, In the midst of life'. The Alto part has 'midst of life we are in death: of whom'. The Tenor part has 'In the midst of life we'. The Bass part has 'death: of whom may we seek for suc-cour,'. Measure 10 is marked with a box containing the number '10'. At the end of the system, there are two sets of fingerings: '4 6' and '3 5'.

15 20

S we are in death: of whom may we seek for

A may we seek for suc-cour, but of thee, O Lord,

T are in death: of whom may we seek for suc-cour,

B In the midst of life we are in death:

Detailed description: This system contains measures 11-20. The Soprano part has 'we are in death: of whom may we seek for'. The Alto part has 'may we seek for suc-cour, but of thee, O Lord,'. The Tenor part has 'are in death: of whom may we seek for suc-cour,'. The Bass part has 'In the midst of life we are in death:'. Measure 15 is marked with a box containing the number '15', and measure 20 is marked with a box containing the number '20'.

25

S suc-cour, but of thee, O

A of whom may we seek for suc-cour, but of thee, O

T of whom may we seek for suc-cour, but of thee, O

B of whom may we seek for suc-cour, but of thee, O

30

S Lord, who for our sins art just-ly dis-plea-sed?

A Lord, who for our sins art just-ly dis-plea-sed?

T Lord, who for our sins, who for our sins art just-ly dis-plea-sed?

B Lord, who for our sins, who for our sins art just-ly dis-plea-sed?

1st time Verse *repeat Chorus* 35 40

S Yet O Lord, O Lord most might-y, O ho-ly, O ho-ly and most mer-ci-ful

A Yet O Lord, O Lord most might-y, O ho-ly, O ho-ly and most mer-ci-ful

T Yet O Lord, O Lord most might-y, O ho-ly, O ho-ly and most mer-ci-ful

B Yet O Lord, O Lord most might-y, O ho-ly, O ho-ly and most mer-ci-ful

45

S Sa- vi - our, de-li-ver us not in-to the bit- ter

A Sa - vi - our, de-li-ver us not in - to the bit-

T Sa- vi - our, de - li-ver us not in-to the

B Sa - vi - our, and most mer-ci-ful Sa - vi - our,

50

S pains, the bit- ter pains, de - li-ver us not in - to the

A ter pains of e-ter-nal death, in - to the bit- ter pains, de - li-ver us

T bit- ter pains, in - to the bit-

B de-li-ver us not in - to the bit- ter

55

S bit- ter pains of e - ter - nal death.

A not in - to the bit- ter pains of e - ter- nal death.

T ter pains, of e - ter - nal death.

B pains of e - ter- nal death.