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SOPRANO AND BASS SOLI, CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

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## INTRODUCTION.

### CHORUS.

What profit hath man of all his labour  
wherein he laboureth under the sun ?

One generation goeth, and another genera-  
tion cometh ; and the earth abideth for ever.

The sun also riseth, the sun goeth down,  
and hasteth to his place where he ariseth.

The wind goeth toward the south, and  
turneth about unto the north ; it turneth  
about continually, and the wind returneth  
again to its circuits.

All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is  
not full ; unto the place from whence the  
rivers come, thither they return again.

All things are full of weariness ; the eye is  
not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled  
with hearing.

That which hath been is that which shall  
be, and that which hath been done is that  
which shall be done ; and there is no new  
thing under the sun.

### BASS SOLO.

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove  
thee with mirth ; I said of laughter : It is  
mad, and of mirth, what doeth it ?

I sought in mine heart how I might cheer  
my flesh with wine, mine heart yet guiding me  
with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till  
I might see what it was good for the sons of  
men that they should do under heaven all the  
days of their life.

I made me great works ; I builded me  
houses ; I planted me vineyards ; I made me  
gardens and orchards ; I made me pools of  
water, to water therefrom the wood that  
bringeth forth trees :

I got me servants and maidens, I gathered  
me silver and gold. And whatsoever mine  
eyes desired I kept not from them : I withheld  
not my heart from any joy.

Then I looked on all the works my hands  
had wrought, and on the labours that I had  
laboured to do : And, behold, all was vanity,  
vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no  
profit under the sun.

### CHORUS.

To everything there is a season, a time to  
every purpose under heaven :

A time to be born, a time to die :

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that  
which is planted ;

A time to kill, and a time to heal ;

A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to  
mourn, and a time to dance ;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain  
from embracing ;

A time to seek, and a time to lose ;

A time to rend, and a time to sew ;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak ;

A time to love, and a time to hate ;

A time for war, a time for peace.

Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever.

God hath done it that men should fear before  
Him.

That which is hath been already ; that  
which is to be hath already been ; God seeketh  
again that which is passed away.

### BASS SOLO.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant  
thing it is to behold the sun.

Yea, if a man live many years, let him  
rejoice in them all ;

Let him remember the days of darkness, for  
they shall be many.

Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart,  
and put away evil from thy flesh : Or ever the  
sun, and the light, and the moon, and the  
stars be darkened,

In that day when the keepers of the house  
shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow  
themselves, and the doors be shut in the street ;

They shall be afraid of that which is from  
on high, and terrors shall be in the way ;

Because man goeth to his long home, and  
the mourners go about the streets ;

Or ever the pitcher be broken at the fountain,  
or the wheel be broken at the cistern.

The dust shall return to earth as it was, and  
the spirit to God Who gave it.

### SOPRANO SOLO.

Ho ! every one that thirsteth, come ye to  
the waters.

Come ye, buy and eat ; yea, come, buy  
wine and milk, without money and without  
price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which  
is not bread ? and your labour for that which  
satisfieth not ?

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will abundantly pardon.

And ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;

The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree; instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree:

It shall be for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

#### CHORUS.

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out the heavens with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord; or, being His counsellor, hath taught Him?

With whom took He counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of judgment, and showed Him the way of understanding?

All the nations are as nothing before Him. They are counted to Him as less than nothing! and vanity.

To whom will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto Him?

Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary, there is no searching of His understanding.

#### SOPRANO SOLO AND CHORUS (*continued*).

He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might He increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall be faint and weary,

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

#### THE CLUE.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.