

HÉLAS!

for SSAA Women's Chorus

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Introspective (♩=72)
Solo *p free*

Sop. Hé - LAS! Hé - - - - LAS!

Alto

Piano (for rehearsal) *p free*

in tempo, but fluid
Tutti *mf*

To drift with ev - ery pas - - - - - sion till my

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12 *fp* *f* **Solo** Hé LAS!—

soul on which all winds can play,

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poco marc. 5 *f* Is a string-ed lute all winds can play,

fp poco marc. 5 *f*

16 Hé LAS!— *p* Hé LAS! **Tutti pp**

Is it for this that I have

pp Is it for this that I have

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pp

21

giv'n a - way

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Mine an - cient wis - dom, a - way

giv'n a - way and aus - tere con - trol?

pushing forward

26 *mf* *fp* (gentle)

Me - thinks. my life my life Scrawled

Me - thinks. my life my life is a twice - writ - ten scroll

Me - thinks. my life my life a twice -

Me - thinks. my life my life a twice -

(gentle)

31 *(rhythmic)* **Lilting**
(somewhat faster)

ov - er on some boy - ish ho - li - day

(rhythmic) *mf* *songful*

a scroll With id - le songs for

writ - ten scroll a twice - writ - - - ten scroll

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(rhythmic)

35 *mf*

With id - le songs for pipe and vir - e - lay, With

pipe and vir - e - lay, With songs for pipe and vir - e - lay, With

mf

With id - le songs for pipe With songs Scrawled ov - er on some boy - ish ho - li - day

mf

With id - le songs for pipe With songs Scrawled ov - er on some boy - ish ho - li - day

mf

40

id - le songs for pipe— and With id - le songs With id - le songs With id - le songs With songs for pipe and vir - e - lay,
 id - le songs for pipe— and With id - le songs With id - le songs With id - le songs With songs for pipe and vir - e - lay,
 id - le songs for pipe— and With id - le songs With id - le songs With songs for pipe and vir - e - lay,
 With id - le songs With id - le songs With songs for pipe and vir - e - lay,
 With id - le songs With songs for pipe and vir - e - lay,

44 *accel.*

id - le songs for pipe With id - le songs— for— pipe— and— id - - - le songs With id - le songs for pipe and
 id - - - le songs With id - le songs for pipe and
 With songs for pipe and vir - e - lay, id - le songs for pipe and
 With songs— for pipe and vir - e - lay,

Subito Tempo I^o (♩=72)

48 *ff fz* *p*

vir - e - lay,

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Which do — but mar — the se - cret — of the whole.

ff fz *p*

52 *p cresc.*

Sure - ly — there was a time — there was a time I might have

p cresc.

Sure - ly — there was a Sure - ly — Sure - ly

p cresc.

Sure - ly there was Sure - ly — Sure - ly

p cresc.

Sure - ly there was time there was time

p cresc.

56 *f marc.*

trod The sun - lit heights, and from life's dis - so - nance

f marc.

trod The sun - lit heights, and from life's dis - so - nance

f marc.

Sure - ly there was Sure - - - ly from life's

f marc.

Sure - ly there was Sure - - - ly from life's

59

- life's dis - so - nance life's dis - so - nance Struck

- life's dis - so - nance life's dis - so - nance Struck

life's dis - so - nance life's dis - so - nance Struck

life's dis - so - nance life's dis - so - nance Struck

61

one clear chord ——— to reach the ears of God:

one clear chord ———

one clear chord ——— *pp pale*
Is that time dead?—

one clear chord ———

ff *p pp pale*

66

p of ro - mance ———

pp pale
Lo! With a lit - tle ——— rod ———

I did but touch the hon - ey ———

p of ro - mance ———

p of ro - mance ———

Tempo I^o (♩=72)

70 *p* *ppp* dying away Solo *pp* Hé - LAS!

And must I lose a soul's— in - her - i - tance?

p *ppp* dying away

And must I lose a soul's— in - her - i - tance?

p *ppp* dying away

And must I lose a soul's— in - her - i - tance?

— LAS! *p* *ppp* dying away *pp*

And must I lose a soul's— in - her - i - tance? >

75 Hé - LAS! _____

drift _____ *dying away*

Solo *pp* *dying away*

Hé - LAS! _____

pp *dying away*