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To Enjoy the Coming
of Wisdom with Time

from O Time

for SATB (div.) chorus

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PROGRAM NOTES

O Time contains three movements, all focusing on various aspects of time. The first movement, ***To Enjoy the Coming of Wisdom with Time***, combines two poems: *To Enjoy the Time* by Robert Herrick, and *The Coming of Wisdom with Time*, by William Butler Yeats. The first poem (“While fates permit us”) implores us to enjoy life while we can, whereas the second poem (“Though leaves are many”) reminds us of the lessons we learn as time takes its unavoidable toll. For the second movement, ***Fly Envious Time***, I excerpted John Milton’s poem *On Time*. This poem begins by accusing time of being greedy, stealing time from our lives, but ends with the assurance that time cannot touch us in the everlasting afterlife. The third and final movement, ***Time Is***, is a beautiful poem by Henry van Dyke that comments on how we experience the slow or swift passage of time based on various states of emotion. *O Time* was commissioned by Chromatica.

-S.G.

TEXT

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To Enjoy the Coming of Wisdom with Time

Robert Herrick and William Butler Yeats

While fates permit us, let's be merry;
Pass all we must the fatal ferry;
And this our life, too, whirls away,
With the rotation of the day.

Though leaves are many, the root is one;
Through all the lying days of my youth
I swayed my leaves and flowers in the sun;
Now I may wither into the truth.

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Poems by
Robert Herrick and
William Butler Yeats

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♩. = 92 Joyfully, marching

SOPRANO
mf
While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry;

ALTO
mf
While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry;

TENOR
mf
While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry;

BASS
mf
While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry;

PIANO
mf *f* *mf* *p sub.*

8^{vb}

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S.
Pass all we must the fa - tal fer-ry; And this, our life, too, whirls a-way, With the ro-ta - tion

A.
Pass all we must the fa - tal fer-ry; And this, our life, too, whirls a-way, With the ro-ta - tion

T.
Pass all we must the fa - tal fer-ry; And this, our life, too, whirls a-way, With the ro-ta - tion

B.
Pass all we must the fa - tal fer-ry; And this, our life, too, whirls a-way, With the ro-ta - tion

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Sweetly, wistful

mp

13

S. — of the day. Though leaves are man-y,

A. — of the day. Though leaves are man-y,

T. — of the day. Though leaves are man-y,

B. — of the day.

Sweetly, wistful

mf sub. *mp* *p*

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S. the root is one; Through all the ly-ing days of my youth I swayed my leaves and

A. the root is one; Through all the ly-ing days of my youth I swayed my leaves and

T. the root is one; Through all the ly-ing days of my youth I swayed my leaves and

mp

24

S. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
 flow-ers in the sun; Now I may with-er in - to the truth.

A. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
 flow-ers in the sun; Now I may with-er in - to the truth.

T. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
 flow-ers in the sun; Now I may with-er in - to the truth.

30 *Joyfully, marching*

S. *mf*
 While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry; Pass all we

A. *mf*
 While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry; Pass all we


T. *mf*
 While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry; Pass all we

B. *mf*
 While fates per-mit us, let's be mer-ry; Pass all we

Joyfully, marching

mf *f* *mf* *mp sub.*

8^{vb}



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S. *mf*
one; Through all the ly-ing days of my youth I swayed my leaves and flow-ers__ in the

A. *mf*
one; Through all the ly-ing days of my youth I swayed my leaves and flow-ers__ in the

T. *mf*
one; Through all the ly-ing days of my youth I swayed my leaves and flow-ers__ in the

*♩. = 96 Subito
With fervor*

54


S. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
sun; Now I__ may with - er__ in - to the truth.

A. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
sun; Now I__ may with - er__ in - to the truth.

T. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
sun; Now I__ may with - er__ in - to the truth.

*♩. = 96 Subito
With fervor*

8^{vb}-----



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S. *f*
With the ro-ta-tion With the ro-ta - tion With the ro - ta - tion With the ro-ta - tion_ of the

A. *f*
With the ro-ta-tion With the ro-ta - tion With the ro - ta - tion With the ro-ta - tion_ of the

T. *f*
With the ro-ta-tion With the ro - ta - tion With the With the ro-ta - tion_ of the

B. *f*
With the ro-ta-tion With the ro - ta - tion With the With the ro-ta - tion_ of the

mf *mp* *mf*

76

S. *ff*
day. _____

A. *ff*
day. _____

T. *ff*
day. _____

B. *ff*
day. _____

f *ff* *f*