

# A Prayer of Departure

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(interpolating a hymn by W H Monk)

**Moderato** ♩ = 70

*p dolce*

Soprano: Know — This life\_ you must know —

Alto: *p dolce* This life you must know — This life you must know —

Tenor: *p dolce* You must know — This life you must know —

Bass: *p dolce* This life(ah)

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S. as the splash of a rain - drop, This

A. as the splash of a rain - drop (ah)

T. as the splash of a rain - drop (ah)

B. as the splash of a rain - drop (ah)

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S. *mf* life you must know — *mp* as the ti - ny splash of a rain - drop.

A. *mp*

T. *mp*

B. *mp*

molto rit. - - - - Adagio

19 *pp*  
 S. A thing of beau - - - ty that dis - ap - pears as it comes in - to  
*pp*  
 A thing of beau - - - ty that dis - ap - pears as it

A. (1st) *pp* Tutti  
 Beau - - - ty that dis - ap - pears as it comes in - to

T. (1st) *pp* Tutti  
 A thing of beau - - - ty that dis - ap - pears as it

B. *pp*  
 Beau - - - ty that dis - ap - pears as it comes in - to  
*pp*  
 A thing of beau - - - ty that dis - ap - pears as it

24 *mf* *ff*  
 S. be - ing, a thing of beau - ty that dis - ap - pears as it comes in - to be - ing.  
*mf* *cresc.* *ff*  
 comes in - to be - ing, that dis - ap - pears, comes, be - ing.

A. *mf* *cresc.* *ff*  
 be - - - ing, that dis - ap - pears, comes, be - ing.  
*ff*  
 Comes in - to be - ing, that dis - ap - pears, comes, be - ing.

T. *mf* *cresc.* *ff*  
 Comes in - to be - ing, that dis - ap - pears, comes, be - ing.

B. *mf* *cresc.* *ff* *mf*  
 comes, a thing of beau - ty that dis - ap - pears, comes, be - ing (ah)

4 The theme of 'Abide with Me' should emerge from almost nowhere, but grow to dominate the music by b. 46. Hence, those parts with this theme must continue to crescendo, and the other parts with both the original text and 'ah' should die away.

### Maestoso

Solo *p cresc.* Tutti

S. A - bide with me, fast falls the ev - en - tide.

S. *f dim.* There - fore set your goal, set your goal.

A. *mf dim.* There - fore set your goal.

A. *f dim.* There - fore set your goal, set your goal.

T. *mf dim.* There - fore set your goal.

T. *f dim.* There - fore set your goal, set your goal.

B. (ah)

34 *mp dim.* *p*

S. Ah

S. *mf dim.* *p* Make use of ev - ery day and ev - ery night. *p*

A. *mp dim.* Ah. *p*

A. *mp molto cresc.* *f* The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a - bide.

T. *mf dim.* *p* Make use of ev - ery day, Lord with me a - bide.

T. *mp dim.* *p* Ah.

B. *mp dim.* *p*