

HOW SHORT AND HASTY IS OUR LIFE

SATB *a cappella*

Hymn 32, Isaac Watts
1674-1748

BANGOR
arr. Alice Parker

Slow, inward $\text{♩} = 60$

S, A

mp

How short and hasty is our

T, B

mp

life, How vast our souls' affairs! Yet

mf

senseless mortals vainly strive To lavish

out their years.

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2. Our days run thoughtless

Notes: *How Short and Hasty Is Our Life* speaks in the stern voice of our Puritan forbears, reflecting on mortality. The solemn, wide-ranging tune moves in large, sonorous curves: note the duets for men and women, framed by the homophonic setting of the first and last verses.

This setting may be performed as part of a suite of three: *My Soul, the Great Creator Praise* (G-5087), *How Short and Hasty Is Our Life* (G-5088), and *How Soft the Words My Savior Speaks* (G-5089).

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