

If Life's Pleasures Charm Thee

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A musical score for four voices (SATB) in common time (indicated by a 'C') and a key signature of one flat (indicated by a 'F'). The score consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics for the first section are as follows:

1. If life's pleasures charm thee,
Give them not thy heart.
2. If distress be - fall thee,
Pain - ful though it be,
3. When earth's pros - pects fail thee,
Let it not dis - tress;
4. Dan - gers may ap - proach thee;
Let them not a - larm;
5. Let not death a - larm thee,
Shrink not from his blow;

The second section begins with a piano-like accompaniment. The lyrics for this section are:

Lest the gift en - snare thee From thy God to part; His fa - vor seek, His
Let not grief ap - pall thee To your Sav - ior flee; He ev - er near, thy
Bet - ter com - forts wait thee Christ will sure-ly bless; To Je - sus flee— thy
Christ will ev - er watch thee, And pro - tect from harm; He near thee stands, with
For thy God shall arm thee, And vic - t'ry be - stow, For death shall bring to

The third section begins with a piano-like accompaniment. The lyrics for this section are:

prais - es speak— Fix here thy hope's sal - va - tion; Serve Him, and He will
prayer will hear, And calm your per - tur - ba - tion; The waves of woe shall
prop He'll be, Thy heav'n-ly con - so - la - tion; For griefs be - low can-
might - y hands, To ward off each temp - ta - tion; To Je - sus fly; He's
thee no sting, The grave no de - so - la - tion; 'Tis sweet to die with

The fourth section begins with a piano-like accompaniment. The lyrics for this section are:

ev - er be The Rock of thy sal - va-tion.
ne'er o'er-flow The Rock of thy sal - va-tion.
- not o'er throw The Rock of thy sal - va-tion.
ev - er nigh, The Rock of thy sal - va-tion.
Je - sus nigh, The Rock of thy sal - va-tion.