

Longevity

Tr. C. T. B.

1. Our term of life is seventy years, An age that few survive; But if with more than common strength, To eighty we arrive,
2. To all thy servants, Lord, let this Thy wondrous work be known, And to our offspring yet unborn Thy glorious power be shown.

5 10

Detailed description: This is the first system of a four-part choral setting. It features four staves: Tenor (Tr.), Contralto (C.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The music is in common time and A minor. The vocal parts have lyrics written below them. Measure numbers 5 and 10 are indicated above the Tenor staff. The system concludes with a double bar line.

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Yet then our boasted strength decays, To sorrow turned, and pain: So soon the slender thread is cut, And we no more remain.
Let thy bright rays up on us shine; Give thou our work success: The glorious work we have in hand Do thou vouchsafe to bless.

15 20 1. 2.

Detailed description: This is the second system of the choral setting. It continues with the same four parts: Tr., C., T., and B. The lyrics continue below the staves. Measure numbers 15 and 20 are marked above the Tenor staff. The system ends with a double bar line and two first/second endings for the Tenor part.