

This Life to Gloom Is Given

(50, 154)

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G minor, 4/4 time. The key signature has three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). The time signature is 4/4. The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The second system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written between the two systems of staves. The lyrics are: 1. This life to gloom is giv - en; So griev-ous is our woe, As 2. Oh, how we long to face Him When left a-lone, op-pressed; If 3. We feel then how dis - tress - ing Life with-out God would be; How

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if the Lord in heav - en No spark of love would show; No
we could but em - brace Him And ev - er hold Him fast. With
wretch-ed, with-out bless - ing, How full of pov - er - ty; We

par-don yet re - ceiv - ing, Earth can no peace af - ford; Yet
tears doth plead and wres - tle, Like Ja - cob, then the soul, Un -
here would fam-ish ev - er, If not our weep-ing heart Were

wea - ry hours of striv - ing Are bless-ings of the Lord.
til it wins the strug - gle And faith doth make it whole.
nour-ished by the Sav - ior, Who com - fort can im - part.

4. The Lord at all times chooses The time His gifts to share;
His joyous rays He uses To banish grief and care;
He sendeth gracious showers Upon the with'ring soul,
And leads through gloomy hours Toward heaven's shining goal.

5. Untrue our hearts were ever And soon His love would spurn,
If we knew not, O Savior, All Thou for us hast borne;
With Thee all our transgressions Were nailed upon the tree;
We, by Thy Holy Passion, Were saved eternally.

6. O then endeavor meekly His ways to understand,
Whene'er thy journey lead thee Across a barren land!
Soon shall descend from heaven His blessing as the dew;
Through mercies freely given He shall make all things new!