

Life Has Loveliness to Sell

for SATB Choir + Piano

Music by
John Muehleisen

Poem by
Sara Teasdale
(1884–1933)

*Commissioned by Canyon Park Junior High Advanced Choir,
Ailisa Newhall, Director*

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Life has loveliness to sell,
All beautiful and splendid things;
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,
Soaring fire that sways and sings,
And children's faces looking up,
Holding wonder like a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell,
Music like a curve of gold,
Scent of pine trees in the rain,
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,
And for your Spirit's still delight,
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,
Buy it and never count the cost;
For one white singing hour of peace
Count many a year of strife well lost,
And for a breath of ecstasy
Give all you have been, or could be.

– Sara Teasdale
(Barter)

Program Notes

Pending

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Andante grazioso ♩ = 90

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

f *mf*

7 *mp*

S Life has love - li - ness to sell, All beau - ti - ful and

A Life has love - li - ness All

T Life has love - li - ness to sell, All

B All

7 *p*

Pno.

14 *mf* *mf*

S splen - did things; Blue waves whit - ened on a

A — splen - did things; Blue waves whit - ened on a

T — splen - did things; Blue waves whit - ened on a

B — splen - did things; Blue waves whit - ened on a

Pno. *mf* *mp*

19 *subito f* *p*

S cliff, Soar - ing fire that sways and sings, And chil-dren's fac - es

A cliff, Soar - ing fire that sways and sings, And chil-dren's fac - es

T cliff, Soar - ing fire that sways and sings, And chil-dren's fac - es

B cliff, Soar - ing fire that sways and sings, And chil-dren's fac - es

Pno. *subito f* *p*

26 *mf* *f*

S look - ing up, look - ing up, Hold - ing won - der like a cup.

A look - ing up, look - ing up, Hold - ing won - der like a cup.

T look - ing up, Hold - ing won - der like a cup.

B look - ing up, Hold - ing won - der like a cup.

Pno. *mf* *f* *mf*

33 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

S Life has love - li - ness to sell,

A Life has love - li - ness to sell,

T Life has love - li - ness to

B Life has love - li - ness to

Pno. *mp*

39

mf *f* *p*

S — Mu-sic like a curve of gold, Scent of pine trees in the rain,

A — Mu-sic like a curve a curve of gold, Scent of pine trees in the

T sell, Mu-sic like a curve of gold, Scent of pine trees in the

B sell, Mu-sic like a curve of gold, Scent of pine trees in the

Pno.

47

mf *mp* *p*

S — Eyes that love you, arms that hold, And for your

A rain, Eyes that love you, arms that hold, And for your

T rain, Eyes that love you, arms that hold, And for your

B rain, Eyes that love you, arms that hold, And for your

Pno.

53

Spir - it's still de - light, Ho - ly thoughts that star the night.

mp *mf*

Spir - it's still de - light, Ho - ly thoughts that star the night.

mp *mf*

Spir - it's still de - light, Ho - ly thoughts that star the night.

mp *mf*

Spir - it's still de - light, Ho - ly thoughts that star the night.

mp *mf*

Pno.

58

Spend all you have for love-li - ness, Buy it and

f

Spend all you have for love-li-ness, for love - li-ness, Buy it and

f

Spend all you have for love-li - ness, Buy it and

f

Spend all you have for love-li - ness, Buy it and

f

Pno.

p *mf*

64 *ff* *p*

S nev - er count the cost; For one white sing-ing hour of peace

A nev - er count the cost; one white sing-ing hour of peace

T nev - er count the cost; one white sing-ing hour of peace

B nev - er count the cost; one white sing-ing hour of peace one sing-ing hour of peace *mp*

64 *f* *p* L.V.

Pno.

72 *f* *mp* *mf*

S — Count man-y a year of strife well lost, And for a breath of ec - sta-sy ec -

A — Count man-y a year of strife well lost, — And for a breath of ec - sta-sy ec -

T — Count man-y a year of strife well lost, And for a breath of ec - sta-sy —

B — Count man-y a year of strife well lost, And for a breath of ec - sta-sy —

72 *f* *p* *mf*

Pno.

79 *f* *molto rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

S - sta-sy Give all you have been, or could be. Life has love-li-ness to

A - sta-sy Give all you have been, or could be. Life has love-li-ness to

T Give all you have been, or could be. Life has love-li-

B Give all you have been, or could be. Life has love-li-

Pno. *f* *molto rit.* *a tempo* *p*

87 *molto cresc.* *ff* *p*

S sell, All beau-ti-ful and splen-did things; Ooo

A sell, beau-ti-ful and splen-did splen-did things; Ooo

T ness to sell, beau-ti-ful and splen-did things; Ooo

B ness to sell, beau-ti-ful and splen-did things; Ooo

Pno. *molto cresc.* *ff* *p*

95

S
A
T
B

Ooo

Pno.

101

Slower ♩ = 82

mf *molto rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *poco rit.*

S
A
T
B

Life has love - li - ness to sell.

Pno.

mp L.V. *mf* *mp*