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2. A span is all that we can boast, An inch or two of time; Man is but vanity and dust In all his flower and prime.

3. See the vain race of mortals move Like shadows o'er the plain; They rage and strive, desire and love, But all the noise is vain. 4. Some walk in honor's gaudy show, Some dig for golden ore; They toil for heirs, they know not who, And straight are seen no more.

5.What should I wish or wait for, then, From creatures earth and dust? They make our expectations vain, And disappoint our trust. 6. Now I forbid my carnal hope, My fond desires recall; I give my mortal interest up, And make my God my all.

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1. Measure 6, *Tenor*: note changed from E to D.

3. Measure 8, Treble: last note changed from A to B.

<sup>2.</sup> Measure 7, *Treble*: note changed from E to D.