

What is Life?

Round for three voices

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Moderato ♩ = 80

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a first ending bracket and ends with a second ending bracket. The second line starts with a measure rest and ends with a third ending bracket. The third line ends with a measure rest. The fourth line ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. 2.

What is our life? A breath a moan a sigh a laugh a smile a cry a cry. A

9 3.

storm a sob a calm Tu-mult some joy some harm An earth-ly mo-ment brief that longs for

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blest re - lief And free - dom from stern strife such

21

e - ver such e - ver such ev - er such our life.