

Isaac Watts, 1709
(Psalm 90)
88. 88. (L. M.)

Mortality

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F minor
Daniel Read, 1785

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Mortality'. It is arranged for four voices: Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Bass. The score is in F minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: '5. Death, like an ov - er - flow - ing stream, ___ sweeps us a - way; Our life's a dream, An emp - ty tale, A mor - ning flower, ___ cut down and with - ered in an hour.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. There are also some performance markings like '5' and '10' above the notes.

1. Through every age, eternal God,
Thou art our rest, our safe abode;
High was thy throne ere heav'n was made,
Or earth thy humble footstool laid.

2. Long hadst thou reigned ere time began,
Or dust was fashioned to a man;
And long thy kingdom shall endure
When earth and time shall be no more.

3. But man, weak man, is born to die,
Made up of guilt and vanity;
Thy dreadful sentence, Lord, was just,
"Return, ye sinners, to your dust."

4. A thousand of our years amount
Scarce to a day in thine account;
Like yesterday's departed light,
Or the last watch of ending night.

6. Our age to seventy years is set;
How short the time! how frail the state!
And if to eighty we arrive,
We rather sigh and groan than live.

7. But O how oft thy wrath appears,
And cuts off our expected years!
Thy wrath awakes our humble dread;
We fear the power that strikes us dead.

8. Teach us, O Lord, how frail is man;
And kindly lengthen out our span,
Till a wise care of piety
Fit us to die, and dwell with thee.