

WHAT IS LIFE?

for S.A.B. voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax CD*

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inspired by the words of the Native American CROWFOOT

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With thought and reflection (♩ = ca. 72)

PIANO

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SOPRANO

ALTO

BARITONE

5 *p*

“What is life?” we long to know. Where are we from? Where

8

do we go? Where do we find the mean-ing of what it is to live and

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12 *poco rit.* 13 *a tempo*
mp

love? _____ Is the an - swer locked a - way like day from night, or

mp

Is the an - swer locked a - way like day from night,

poco rit. *a tempo*
mp

16 *mf*

night from day? Though we seek it from a - far, we

mf

or night from day?

mf

19 *decresc.* *poco rit.* 22 *a tempo*
mp

find it here right where we are. _____ It is the brief-est flash of

decresc. *mp*

It is the

decresc. *poco rit.* *mp*
a tempo

light the fire - fly sends in - to the night. It

brief-est flash of light the fire - fly sends in - to the night

is the ti - ny look-ing glass of dew up - on each blade of

It is the ti - ny look-ing glass of dew up - on each

poco rit.

30 Slightly slower with rubato

grass. It is the spin - ning of a thread the

blade of grass.

Slightly slower with rubato

32

spi - der weaves in - to her web. It is the shad - ow as it runs to

cresc.

cresc.

35

lose it - self in set - ting suns.

rit. decresc.

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72)

decresc.

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72)

rit. decresc.

39

It is the ver - y air we breathe. It

p

p

"What is life?" you ask of me.

p

43

is the won - der that we see. It is the dai - ly dance of

46

poco rit.

mp

47 *a tempo*

things. — It is the ebb, it is the flow, the

It is the ebb, it is the flow, the

poco rit.

a tempo mp

49

hold - ing on, the let - ting go be - tween the cra - dle

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52 *f* *mp*
 and the stone. Life *mp*

f *decresc.* *mp*

56 *a tempo* *rit.*
 is the mo-ment, that a - lone. Life is the mo - ment, that a -

a tempo *rit.*

60 *a tempo* *p* *molto rit.*
 lone. *p*

a tempo *p* *molto rit.*