

Tempus Fugit

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Poem: Patrick Thomas

Piano

Moderato

mf

like a clock

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes in a steady, clock-like rhythm. The left hand plays a simple bass line with long notes and rests. The tempo is marked 'Moderato' and the dynamic is 'mf'.

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Life's weeks and months fly _ by at speed, _ And all too soon this year will

The first system of the vocal score. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Life's weeks and months fly _ by at speed, _ And all too soon this year will". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the introduction.

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leave. _ Such fleet - ing _ mo - ments are ours on Earth _

The second system of the vocal score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "leave. _ Such fleet - ing _ mo - ments are ours on Earth _". The piano accompaniment features a more complex rhythmic pattern with some chromaticism in the right hand.

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Des - pite il - lu - sions Des - pite il - lu - sions of which no death,

cantabile

The third system of the vocal score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "Des - pite il - lu - sions Des - pite il - lu - sions of which no death,". The piano accompaniment is marked 'cantabile' and features a more melodic and flowing line in the right hand.