

Life at the best is very brief

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The image shows a piano accompaniment for the hymn 'Life at the best is very brief'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The third system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The fourth system has a treble clef and a bass clef. There are measure numbers 5, 10, and 15 indicated above the treble clef staffs. The music features a steady accompaniment in the bass and a more melodic line in the treble.

Life at best is very brief,
Like the falling of a leaf,
Like the binding of a sheaf,
Be in time!
Fleeting days are telling fast
That the die will soon be cast,
And the fatal line be passed,
Be in time!

Refrain

*Be in time! Be in time!
While the voice of Jesus calls you,
Be in time!
If in sin you longer wait,
You may find no open gate,
And your cry be just too late:
Be in time!*

Fairest flowers soon decay,
Youth and beauty pass away;
O you have not long to stay,
Be in time!
While God's Spirit bids you come,
Sinner, do not longer roam,
Lest you seal your hopeless doom,
Be in time!

Refrain

Time is gliding swiftly by,
Death and judgment draweth nigh,
To the arms of Jesus fly,
Be in time!
O I pray you count the cost!
Ere the fatal line be crossed,
And your soul in hell be lost,
Be in time!

Refrain

Sinner, heed the warning voice,
Make the Lord your final choice,
Then all heaven will rejoice,
Be in time!
Come from darkness into light;
Come, let Jesus make you right;
Come, receive His life tonight,
Be in time!

Refrain

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