

I Shall Not Live in Vain

Text from the Poem by Emily Dickinson

For SATB Chorus

Composer

♩ = 70

Soprano: *p* mm — ahh — *p* ooh

Alto: *p* *mp* *p* ooh

Tenor: *p* *mp*

Bass: *p* *mp* *p*

7 **A** **B**

Soprano: *mp* *mf* If I can stop one heart from break - ing, I shall not live in vain.

Alto: *mf* If I can stop one heart from break - ing, I shall not live in vain. *mf* If I can ease one life the

Tenor: *p* break - ing, ooh. *mp* ease one life the

Bass: *p* stop one heart from break - ing, *mp* *mf* If I can ease one life the

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Soprano: ach - ing, I shall not live in vain.

Alto: ach - ing, or cool one pain. I shall not live in vain. If I

Tenor: ach - ing, or cool one pain - I shall not live in vain. If I can stop one heart from break - ing, one heart from

Bass: ach - ing, or cool one pain. I shall not live in vain. stop one heart from break - ing,

20 **C**

S' I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain. *mf*

A' can stop one heart from break - ing, I shall not live in vain. shall not live in vain. *mf*

T' break - ing, 'dmm dmm dmm' shall not live in vain. *mp*

B' stop one heart from break - ing, I shall not live in vain. *mp*

27 **D**

S' or help one faint - ing rob - in un - to his nest a - gain.

A' *mp* If I - can ease one life the ach - ing, or cool one pain, or help one faint - ing rob - in un - to his nest a - gain. *mf*

T' *mp* If I - can ease one life the ach - ing, or cool one pain, or help one faint - ing rob - in un - to his nest a - gain. *p*

B' *like a drum* 'dmm' *mf* If I - can ease one life the ach - ing, or cool one pain. help one faint - ing rob - in - *mp*

34 **E** *poco rit. (56)*

S' *p* I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain. *mp*

A' *p* mmm I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain.

T' *mp* I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain.

B' *mp* dmm. I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain.

Fa tempo $\text{♩} = 72$

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S' *p* *mp* oh ahh *mf* ooh or

A'' oh ahh *mf* ooh or

T'' oh ahh *mf* ooh *p* If I can stop one heart from

B'' oh *mp* ahh *mf* ooh *p* *mf* If I can stop one heart from

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S' *mf* help one faint-ing rob-in *p* one rob-in un-to his nest a-gain.

A'' *mf* help one faint-ing rob-in un-to his nest a-gain.

T'' break-ing, or cool one pain. Mmm stop one heart from

B'' break-ing, or cool one pain. Mmm If I can stop one heart from

G

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S' *mp* I shall not live in vain *p* Mmm ahh

A'' *mp* mmm I shall not live in vain *p* Mmm ahh

T'' break-ing, shall not live in *p* Mmm ahh

B'' break-ing, shall not live in *mp* *p* Mmm ahh

66 **H**

S' ooh... *mp* one life the ach - ing, one

A'' ooh... *mf* if I can stop one heart from break - ing, one heart one

T'' *p p mp* one heart

B'' *p mp* one heart one heart

73 *poco rit. (57.6)*

S' life, I shall not live in vain. shall not live in vain.

A'' life, I shall not live in shall not live in shall not live in vain.

T'' I shall not live in shall not live in shall not live in *mp* vain.

B'' *mf* I shall not live in vain. *mp* vain.