

WELLS L. M.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." – Eccl. 8 : 10

Rev, Isaac Watts, 1719 Key of G Major

Israel Holdroyd, 1716

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The music features various note heads (circles, squares, diamonds) and rests, with some notes having stems pointing up and others down. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the musical phrases. The first three staves contain three stanzas of the hymn, followed by a final stanza starting on the bass clef staff.

1. Life is the time to serve the Lord,
The time t'in - sure the great re - ward;

2. Life is the hour that God has giv'n,
To es - cape hell and fly to heav'n;

3. The liv - ing know that they must die,
But all the dead for - got - ten lie;

And while the lamp holds out to burn
The vil - est sin - ner may re - turn.

The day of grace, and mor - tals may
Se - cure the bless - ing of the day.

Their mem - 'ry and their sense is gone,
A - like un - know - ing and un - known.